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3,100,000	In Shares of £10 each, unissued.	
£46,794,468		**£43,694,468**

LOAN CAPITAL (Including Present Issue).

4 per Cent. Debenture Stock	£13,504,078
3½ per Cent. Central Debenture Stock	55,605
4½ per Cent. Western Annuity	2,017,500
5 per Cent. Redeemable Debenture Stock, 1967/87 (including the Present Issue) ...	9,000,000
5 per Cent. Ten-Year Notes, repayable at par 1st July, 1933	1,985,700
	£26,562,883

Issue of £3,000,000 Five per Cent. Redeemable Debenture Stock, 1967/87, at £87 10s 0d per Cent.

(ranking *pari passu* with the £6,000,000 similar Stock already issued),

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:—

£5 0 0 per Cent. on Application.
£32 10 0 per Cent. on Allotment.
£50 0 0 per Cent. on 15th December, 1930.

£87 10 0

Payment in full may be made on Allotment, interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum, less Income Tax, being allowed in respect of the prepayment of the Instalment due on 15th December, a cheque for which will be forwarded in due course.

Interest will be payable half-yearly on 1st May and 1st November. The first payment, which will be for a full half-year's interest, less Income Tax, will be made on 1st May, 1931, on holdings registered at 15th April, 1931.

WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED, 41, Lothbury, E.C.2, and Branches, as Bankers of the Company, are authorised to receive applications for the above £3,000,000 Five per Cent. Redeemable Debenture Stock, 1967/87, at £87 10s 0d per cent.

Applications from the Company's Stockholders and Debenture Stockholders made on the special coloured form provided for the purpose will receive preferential consideration.

The Borrowing Powers of the Company in respect of Loan Capital for the time being outstanding are limited to an amount not exceeding two-thirds of the nominal amount of the Share Capital of the Company for the time being allotted unless with the sanction of a Special Resolution of the Company.

The Five per Cent. Redeemable Debenture Stock now being offered has been created by Resolution of the Board of Directors, dated 23rd October, 1930, ranking in all respects pari passu with the existing Five per Cent. Redeemable Debenture Stock 1967/1987, of the Company, and having the same rights and being subject to the same conditions as the existing Stock.

The Stock will be repayable at par on the 1st May, 1987, but the Company reserves the right to redeem all or any part of the Stock at 102½ per cent. and accrued interest on any interest date after the 1st May, 1967, on three months' previous notice by the Company. If part only of the Stock is to be so redeemed, such part will be selected by drawings. In case of voluntary liquidation of the Company the Stock is repayable at 102½ per cent.

The Company may, within its above Borrowing Powers, issue additional Stock ranking pari passu with the Stock now being offered, but any such additional Stock shall not bear a higher rate of interest than 5 per cent. or be redeemable on any earlier dates.

The Stock, when registered, will be transferable in amounts of £1 or multiples thereof.

The proceeds of the present issue will be applied towards repayment of temporary advances from the Company's Bankers, the cost of new works, the acquisition of further rolling stock and the general purposes of the Company.

The following is a report by Messrs. Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., the Company's Auditors, with respect to the profits of, and dividends paid by, the Company for the last four financial years ended 30th June, 1930.

5 London Wall Buildings London, E.C.2.
24th October, 1930.

The Chairman and Directors, CENTRAL ARGENTINE RAILWAY LIMITED.

Gentlemen,—We report that the profits of the Company in respect of the financial years set out below, as shown by the audited Accounts, are as follows:—

Year to 30th June.	Profits before charging the Interest referred to in the next column.	Interest on Debenture Stocks, the Western Annuity and short-term Note Issues.	Profits after charging Interest.
	£	£	£
1927	3,770,073	833,963	2,936,110
1928	3,972,764	732,180	3,240,584
1929	4,102,379	757,182	3,345,197
1930	3,088,983	929,682	2,159,301

The above Profits are arrived at after making, in the years 1926-27, 1927-28, and 1928-29, special appropriations to Renewals and to Specific Reserves, and as regards the year 1929-30, after crediting £248,487 taken from those Reserves.

The issued Share Capital of the Company during the period above referred to has been as follows:—

—	TOTAL AMOUNT ISSUED.			
	At 30th June, 1927.	At 30th June, 1928.	At 30th June, 1929.	At 30th June, 1930.
	£	£	£	£
4½ per Cent. Preference Stock	9,695,718	9,695,718	9,695,718	9,695,718
6 per Cent. Cumulative Convertible Preference Stock	4,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Consolidated Ordinary Stock	28,186,950	28,186,950	28,186,950	28,186,950
Deferred Stock	811,800	811,800	811,800	811,800

In respect of the four financial years ended on 30th June, 1930, the fixed dividends have been paid on the Preference Stock Issues. As regards the Consolidated Ordinary and Deferred Stocks, the dividend was at the rate of 7 per cent., less Income Tax, in respect of the three years ended 30th June, 1927, 1928 and 1929, and at the rate of 5 per cent., less Income Tax, in respect of the year ended 30th June, 1930.

We are Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO., Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

The following information is given in compliance with the Companies Act, 1929:—

The Deferred Stock of the Company and Shares ranking pari passu therewith are entitled to a dividend of 5 per cent. per annum, payable only out of the profits of the Company available for dividend in each year, after providing for 4½ per cent. dividend on the 4½ per Cent. Preference Stock and Shares ranking pari passu therewith, 6 per cent. dividend on the 6 per Cent. Cumulative Convertible Preference Stock and Shares ranking pari passu therewith, and 5 per cent. dividend on the Consolidated Ordinary Stock and Shares ranking pari passu therewith, and to participate in surplus profits, which surplus profits available for dividend in each year are distributable by way of dividend amongst the holders of the Consolidated Ordinary Stock and Deferred Stock and Shares ranking pari passu respectively therewith. All the Share Capital of the Company ranks pari passu as to repayment of capital.

During the two years before the date hereof, a total amount of £1,447 of the Company's 3½ per Cent. Central Debenture Stock was converted into a total amount of £1,273 of the Company's 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock, fully paid.

Apart from Contracts made by the Company in the ordinary course of its business, the following Contracts have been entered into within the two years before the date hereof, namely:—

(1) Contract, dated 12th March, 1929 between the Company and Messrs. Greenwood & Co., by which, in consideration of a commission of 1¼ per cent. and ¼ per cent. on the nominal amount thereof, Messrs. Greenwood & Co. underwrote the subscription of the issue shortly thereafter made of £3,000,000 Five per Cent. Redeemable Debenture Stock of the Company. Such commission was duly paid.

(2) Contract, dated 17th January, 1930, between the Company and Messrs. Greenwood & Co., by which, in consideration of a commission of 1¼ per cent. and ¼ per cent. on the nominal amount thereof, Messrs. Greenwood & Co. underwrote the subscription of the issue shortly thereafter made of £3,000,000 Five per Cent. Redeemable Debenture Stock of the Company. Such commission was duly paid.

(3) Contract, dated 30th October, 1930, between the Company and Messrs. Greenwood & Co., by which, in consideration of a commission of 1¼ per cent. and ¼ per cent. on the nominal amount of the Debenture Stock now offered, Messrs. Greenwood & Co. have underwritten the subscription of this present issue.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, of the Resolutions of the Board creating the 5 per Cent. Redeemable Debenture Stock and of the above-mentioned Contracts, and also the original of the above Report can be inspected by intending subscribers during the usual business hours at the offices of Messrs. Norton, Rose & Co. Stone House, 128, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2, whilst the Subscription List is open.

Applications should be made on the accompanying form and forwarded together with the amount payable on application to Westminster Bank Limited, 41, Lothbury, London, E.C.2, or to any Branch of the Bank.

If no allotment be made, the application money will be returned in full. If the amount of Stock allotted be less than that applied for, the balance of the application money will be applied in or towards payment of the amount due on allotment, and the surplus, if any, will be returned. Failure to pay any instalment, when due, will render the allotment liable to cancellation and the previous payments liable to forfeiture. Interest at 6 per cent. per annum will be charged on all overdue instalments.

A form of Renunciation will be issued with the Letter of Allotment for the convenience of any allottee who may wish to deal with or dispose of any Stock allotted.

Certificates will be issued after 15th January, 1931, in exchange for the fully-paid Letters of Allotment.

A brokerage of ¼ per cent. on the nominal amount will be paid by the Company on all Stock allotted (excluding Stock allotted in pursuance of the underwriting Contract) on applications bearing the stamp of a Banker or Broker.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application can be obtained at the Company's Offices, or from Messrs. Greenwood & Co., 28, Austin Friars, London, E.C.2, or the Company's Bankers.

Offices of the Company:
3A, Coleman Street, London, E.C.2.
30th October, 1930.

DIRECTORS.
THE RT. HON. LORD FORRES, P.C. (Chairman).
SIR CHARLES C. BARRIE, K.B.E., D.L.
SIR W. GUY GRANET, G.B.E.
W. HOWARD-WILLIAMS, C.B.E.
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AUDITORS.
DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO., 5, London Wall Buildings, London, E.C.2.

SECRETARY.
F. FIGHIERA, 3a, Coleman Street, London, E.C.2.

THIS FORM MAY BE USED.

This form must be sent to the Company's Bankers, WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED, 41, Lothbury, London, E.C.2, or Branches, together with cheque for the amount payable on application.

CENTRAL ARGENTINE RAILWAY LIMITED.

Issue of £3,000,000 Five per Cent. Redeemable Debenture Stock 1967/87 at 87½ per cent. (Q)

To the Directors of the
CENTRAL ARGENTINE RAILWAY LIMITED.

Gentlemen,—Having paid to Westminster Bank Limited the sum of £..................

being a deposit of £5 per cent. on application for .... Stock of the above Issue, I/we hereby request that you will allot to me/us that amount of Stock, and I/we agree to accept the same or any less amount that may be allotted to me/us upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Prospectus dated the 30th October, 1930, and to pay the further instalments as thereby provided.

Signature(s) ....
....

Name(s) in full ....
(in Block Letters.)
....

Address(es) ....
....

Description(s) ....
....

(Please say if Mr., Mrs., Miss or other distinctive descriptions.)

Date.................... , 1930.

Cheques should be made payable to WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED, or Bearer, and crossed "not negotiable."

Any alteration from "Order" to "Bearer" must be signed by the drawer. No receipt will be issued for payment on application, but an acknowledgment will be forwarded in due course, either by Letter of Allotment in whole or in part or by return of deposit.

CITY CHATTER.

BUOYANT FUNDS—OVER-SUBSCRIBED ISSUES—AUSTRALIAN LOANS—INTEREST IN MINES—OIL FEATURES.

(*R. J. BARRETT, Financial Editor.*)

A further remarkable advance in British Government securities confirmed expectations and prepared the Stock Exchange for a possible reduction in Bank rate, to be followed by the big conversion operation foreshadowed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To a certain extent the buying was speculative and was followed by profit-taking, but the bulk of the purchases were of an investment character, resulting from the necessity of employing the vast amount of capital that has accumulated in consequence of the prolonged stagnation of trade and the unprofitable level of discount rates.

Advantage was taken of this situation to offer £3,000,000 5 per cent. Debenture stock of the Central Argentine Railway at 87½, comparing with 89½ at which the previous issue of this stock was placed. Argentine Rails and South American securities generally displayed a better tendency owing to the hope that the worst of the political and economic troubles of these countries has now been seen. Even Ecuador appears to be shaping better, and a recovery in Guayaquil and Quito bonds is based on the prospect of the long-continued default being ended.

Concern is still felt at the continuance of trade depression in the United States, which reflects upon the financial district, and it is realised that the unsound conditions resulting from the unequal distribution of the world's gold that has prevailed since the war may continue to operate adversely in the International markets until circumstances force the necessary readjustment.

A substantial recovery in Brazilian Government bonds and Railway stocks, as expected, has followed upon the cessation of the revolution. Now that the various groups have agreed on a provisional President, there is reason to expect that recuperation will proceed in an orderly fashion and that the bonds will rally further.

A further heavy fall in all Australian securities followed upon the unsatisfactory result of the New South Wales election, but at the lower levels some brokers are advocating purchases by those of their clients who can afford to take some risk.

OVER-SUBSCRIBED ISSUES.

Four Sundays ago it was suggested on this page that there would probably be a further increase in activity in the new issue market in the near future. It was pointed out that the time was propitious for borrowers such as public bodies and well-established industrial concerns able to offer long-dated securities giving a moderately attractive return coupled with unimpeachable security.

There have been several issues of this type within the past few weeks, and practically all of them have attracted immediate support, lists being closed very promptly owing to heavy over-subscriptions. The most striking successes were the Ayr County, London Electric Railway, India, and Gas Light and Coke issues, all of which were applied for several times over for while the amount of stock offered to the public, mostly on a basis to yield 5 per cent. was only £20,050,000, applications poured in to the extent of £334,000,000 for these four flotations alone.

Coming on top of substantial applications amounting to £116,000,000 for the 4 per Cent. Treasury Bond offer—an issue which was applied for almost exclusively by banks and other big financial institutions—these heavy applications by the ordinary investing public clearly indicate that there is still an enormous amount of money seeking investment in stocks of the highest class. No doubt borrowers able to offer tip-top security will continue to take advantage of such a favourable opportunity.

It is significant that one of the few issues that did not attract immediate support was that of the Buenos Ayres Great Southern Railway. Had it been offered to the investing public generally through the usual channels of publicity, like the enormously over-subscribed issues enumerated, it would probably have been well over-applied for.

AUSTRALIAN LOANS.

Notwithstanding reassuring statements by the Commonwealth Prime Minister, a good deal of nervousness still prevails among the holders of Australian Government loans, the market values of which have been steadily and even rapidly depreciating at a time when other trustee stocks of the gilt-edged type have been soaring to record prices. It is a curious fact that Australia should be the only Dominion in connection with which there should be even a suggestion of the possibility of default, no investor having the smallest doubt as to the ability and determination of Canada, South Africa, and New Zealand scrupulously to observe their obligations. But Australia, in consequence of the political complexion of her present rulers and the rash and mischievous promises made to their supporters, is viewed, justly or unjustly, with a certain amount of suspicion.

If the credit of the country has suffered severe depreciation since the full extent of the economic crisis became evident, it is only because prompter measures were not taken to reassure investors by the adoption of a policy of sweeping economies designed to make both ends meet on a period of temporary and world-wide depression. Some State Premiers are apparently taking the necessary steps to balance Budgets, but others are not, and their reluctance to do so is naturally producing a bad impression among the very investors who, sooner or later, will be called upon to help Australia out of her difficulties by subscribing for the large loan necessary to meet maturing obligations.

Even the best type of Australian Government trustee stocks have fallen to levels at which yields are obtainable much above those offered by securities of similar calibre. Thus, allowing for redemption, New South Wales 6 per cent., Queensland 4 per cent., South Australia 5 per cent., Victoria 3½ per cent., and Western Australia 6 per cent. stocks all give returns of 7 per cent. or slightly over. On the other hand, Ceylon 4½ per cent. stock returns only £4 13s. per cent., Southern Rhodesia 4½ per cent. slightly less than 4¾ per cent., and South Africa 5 per cent. £4 16s. 6d. The contrast is greatly to the disadvantage of Australia, and demonstrates how public confidence has been shaken by the events of the past few months. Until it is perfectly plain that all Australian Governments are firmly resolved to leave no stone unturned to balance their budgets by reducing expenditure and increasing taxation, a sustained recovery in prices is hardly to be expected.

INDUSTRIAL POINTS.

A short-lived advance in leading Industrials brought in profit-taking sales, and throughout the week these markets remained drab and uninteresting with a tendency to lower prices as the settlement drew nearer. Less interest was taken in International descriptions, and even Brazilian Tractions responded to a less extent than might have been expected to the improved situation in the Republic. International Nickels were not helped either by the recovery in copper or by the announcement that the price of nickel is definitely stabilised at £170 per ton, as it has been since 1925. The quarterly statement is expected to reveal lower earnings.

Unilevers were at one time freely bought from Amsterdam, where the rumour of a coming amalgamation with an important American firm was again current. In the Allied Stores group International Tea and Liptons improved on the announcement that discussions are still in progress. Imperial Chemicals and Turner and Newall, after a temporary display of strength, met with fresh liquidation, but as regards the latter, it is still believed that the dividend will be maintained. Gramophones were offered after the meeting since the market was not pleased with the chairman's review of the trade outlook.

The Gas Light and Coke Debenture issue, like most gilt-edged and semi-gilt-edged offers that have been made recently, was brilliantly successful, and a premium of 2½ is quoted on this stock. Yorkshire Power new 5 per cent. Debentures, which were issued at 98½, have been wanted up to 102. A good demand also prevailed for investments such as Lever Debentures, Dunlop Debentures and Kelly's Directories Debentures.

An unsatisfactory feature in the Shipping group was a sharp fall in P. and O. Deferred on the reduction of the year's dividend from 12 per cent. to 10 per cent., tax free. The issue of the report of the committee which has been investigating the position of the Royal Mail group is expected in the near future.

Textiles were hesitating after their recent recovery, but the Celanese group showed more activity. Wall Paper Deferred weakened on the falling off in profits, although the dividend, as expected, is maintained at 15 per cent. At the present level of 39s. 9d. the shares are moderately valued. Sudan Plantations and Simms Motor Units gave way on the reduced dividends, but Associated British Maltsters advanced on the satisfactory results for the past year.

Simultaneously with the disclosure of the composition of the new board of Waring and Gillow, of which Mr. Ivan G. Sanderson (a director of Wall Paper Manufacturers) becomes chairman, Lord Waring assuming the position of president, it is announced that the first payment of 5s. in the £ has been posted to creditors, and that adequate arrangements have been made for financing the company. All concerned, including the shareholders, are to be congratulated on the happy issue of recent negotiations.

In an interim report, the chairman of London County Freehold and Leasehold Properties states that net revenue for the half year to September 30 was at the rate of £210,000 per annum on a share capital of £1,500,000 (as against £175,000 for the previous twelve months), and foreshadows a dividend of 11 per cent., with a substantial surplus, for the current year. Assets are stated to amount to £5,296,700 and to show an excess of £2,321,600 over liabilities, or £82,400 more than at the end of March.

INVESTMENT HINTS.

Although not available for trustees, Port of London 4 per Cent. stock 1940-60 is a first-class investment. At 86½ the yield of £4 13s. 6d. per cent. compares favourably with that now obtainable from British Government securities, while, including redemption, the return is £4 19s. per cent.

Alliance Trust 4½ per Cent. debenture stock 1956, at 93, free of stamp, returns £4 16s. 9d. per cent, and including redemption the yield is fully 5 per cent. The amount available for all debenture stocks is £416,649, and the amount required £60,839.

Sound investments now available include the new 4 per Cent. Debenture stock and the new 4 per Cent. Preference stock of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which were placed privately. Both are perpetual securities and can be bought free of stamp. The 4 per Cent. Debenture stock at 85½ yields £4 13s. 6d. per cent., and the 4 per Cent. Preference at 80½ £4 19s. 6d. per cent.

Sterling Trust 5 per Cent. Preference is a high-class stock on offer at 96, yielding £5 4s. 3d per cent., and carrying the half-year's interest due on January 1. The Preference dividend, requiring £35,000 net, was covered four times by last year's profits.

William Whiteley 5 per Cent. £1 Preference shares at 12s. 6d. yield 8 per cent. To pay the Preference dividend requires £22,500, whereas the last year's net profit, after providing for interest on the 4 per Cent. debenture stock, amounted to £88,422. Earnings for the year ending January 31 next will also be debited with six months' interest on the £500,000 6 per Cent. Redeemable Debenture stock issued in March. In a full year this will amount to £30,000. Allowing for this the Preference shares are fairly well covered, assuming that profits are maintained.

INTEREST IN MINES.

While no general activity can be reported, the mining departments have been by no means devoid of interest. The recent weakness in copper has been succeeded by a substantial recovery. This appears to be mainly associated with the conference of producers at New York with a view to the restriction of output and stabilisation of the price of the metal. Having regard to recent experience with other commodities, it is doubtful whether a successful outcome of the conference could be regarded as a "bull point" for the shares of producing companies. Moreover, conditions in the United States are still far from satisfactory.

Little movement has occurred in the shares of British undertakings. After being depressed by sales attributable to the Labour victory in the New South Wales election, Broken Hill shares recovered, purchasers being attracted by the improvement in lead and zinc. Tin has relapsed slightly, but the shares are better. The end-October statistics are likely to show a decrease instead of an increase in the visible supplies.

As regards Northern Rhodesians, no fresh developments have occurred, but an increasing degree of credence is attached to the rumour as to a scheme for fusion of interest of the Bwana, Congo Border, and N'Changa companies. It seems that certain minority interests on the Congo side are not yet convinced that the arrangement will be to their advantage. The shares affected are easier.

There has been some enquiry for low-priced shares, such as Geldenhuis Deep and Village Deep, on liquidation prospects; otherwise Kaffirs, as a whole, have received little attention. The parlous condition of the diamond industry is emphasised by the indefinite postponement of its Preference dividend by the Premier Company, in which a controlling interest is held by the De Beers Company. Naturally, the shares of both undertakings were marked down.

OIL FEATURES.

The chief feature of interest in the Oil share market was provided by the declaration by the directors of Venzuelan Oil Concessions of an interim dividend of 5 per cent. on the Preferred and Ordinary shares. Particular importance was attached to the accompanying statement that, so far as can be ascertained at present, the aggregate profit for 1930 will be approximately the same as that earned during the previous year. It will be remembered that after the amalgamation of the Venezuelan Oil Concessions and the Venezuelan Oil Concessions Holding Company, the capital was increased by an issue of 1,800,000 shares equal to one-third of the capital previously issued. This new capital ranks for the present and ensuing dividends. For 1929 a dividend was declared of 20 per cent., and the view is held in the market, that, should the estimate of profits prove correct, a final dividend of 10 per cent. will be paid, making a total of 15 per cent. for the year. On this basis the yield on the shares at the present level would be in the neighbourhood of 8 per cent.

As was to be expected from the dividend announcement the full report of Trinidad Leaseholds revealed a heavy drop in profits. The report states that sales on satisfactory terms have been increasingly difficult, and that, as a result, stocks of oil on hand have increased, involving the employment of a considerably larger sum than in the previous year. A large shareholding was taken in the Siparia Trinidad Oilfields and the expediture incurred would, in the ordinary way, have justified an increase in capital, but, conditions being unfavourable for an issue of shares, the funds have been provided wholly from cash resources.

The Oil share market generally has been subdued by the uncertainty regarding the crude price situation in America, which at present shows no signs of becoming stabilised.

RUBBER IMPROVES.

Raw rubber continued to show an improvement, with the volume of buying on more substantial lines than for some time past. Orders from France for Spot rubber were again in evidence on an extensive scale on the renewed rumours that the French Government proposed to put a duty on all rubber imports not produced in the French colonies. Messrs. Symington and Sinclair state in their circular that they now understand that this project is not likely to be proceeded with.

Values in the New York market followed the improvement here and the Eastern market was higher on orders from that quarter. As an outcome of the buying of Spot rubber reported in Mincing Lane, a big decrease in United Kingdom stocks of raw rubber is believed to have taken place during the past week. A fall of as high as 3,400 tons is estimated in some quarters.

The shares developed a more cheerful appearance, and the leading issues were all bid for at higher prices. Trusts and Anglo-Dutch were buyers towards the close at the common level of 24s. 6d. This fact followed a set-back in the price of Rubber Trusts on the issue of a statement in which it was announced that the board had decided not to pay the usual interim dividend this year.

Tea shares were a generally idle market with price changes irregular. Budla Betas were a weak feature on the issue of a circular by the board announcing a fall in the crop, and the consequent improbability of the payment of an interim dividend. The shares fell 5-16 to 2 13-16. The total average price at the auctions during the past week amounted to 1s. 3.57d., against 1s. 3.95d. the previous week and 1s. 3.14d. for the corresponding sales a year ago.

THE OUTLOOK.

With the reopening of Parliament attention is directed to the possibility of political happenings that may influence the course of markets. Otherwise the outlook has not materially changed. Yields on invested capital are steadily diminishing, and the "favourable conditions" for which the Chancellor is waiting to produce his debt conversion scheme are being brought nearer.

This prolonged ease in money means continued stagnation in general trade, and, while the impression prevails that the worst has been seen, recovery is bound to be slow, and there may be many false starts before a revival definitely sets in. There is usually a tendency for financial difficulties of long standing to be revealed in the last two months of the year, and on the present occasion it is realised that this period may prove somewhat critical in view of the long-drawn-out spell of depression in industry.

Investors who find the returns on gilt-edged stocks steadily diminishing are naturally anxious to find other directions in which they may employ their capital with safety, but at a higher rate of interest. Their choice is steadily narrowing, and the creation of new high-class investments is on a scale that is totally inadequate, so that redundant subscriptions to such issues have become a commonplace. It may be expected that borrowers who have good security to offer will take advantage of conditions which are not likely to become materially more advantageous to them.

PAST WEEK'S MARKET FEATURES

GILT-EDGED.	Oct. 24.	Oct. 31.	+ Rise or — Fall.
War Loan 5%	105⅛	102 7/16 xd	— 5/16
Conversion 3½%	80¼	81⅝	+ 1⅝
Do. 4½%	102¼	102⅝	+ ⅜
Do. 5%	105⅜	105 11/16	+ 5/16
Consolidated 4%	91⅛	92⅝	+ 1½
Do. 2½%	57⅛	58⅛	+ 1
Funding 4%	93⅛	94⅝	+ 1½
Local Loans	66 9/16	68	+ 1 7/16
India 3%	56	56½	+ ½
Australian 5% '45-'75	85	79	— 6
N.S. Wales 5½%	85	79	— 6
FOREIGN.			
Brazil 5% Funding	79	81	+ 2
Do. 5% 1914	70½	72	+ 1½
Do. 6½%	70	73¾	+ 3¾
Chile 6% '28	88¼	90½	+ 2¼
Chinese 5% 1912	42½	46	+ 3½
German 5½%	78¼	79	+ ¾
Hungarian 7½%	100½	101	+ ½
Poland 7%	80	82	+ 2
S. Paulo Coffee 7½%	70½	76	+ 5½
Turk. Unified	10½	9½	— 1
HOME AND FOREIGN RAILS.			
Gt. Western	71¾	70¾	— 1
L.M and S.	35½	34¾	— ¾
L. & N.E. Prefd.	18½	17¼	— 1¼
Southern Def.	24½	23⅝	— ⅞
B.A. Gt. Southern	75	77½	+ 2½
Cen. Argentine	65	67¾	+ 2¾
INDUSTRIALS.			
Allied News	21/6	21/6	—
Amal. Press	19/6	19/6	—
Kelly's Directories Debs.	104	104¼	+ ¼
Daily Mail Trust	2½	2 7/16	— 1/16
Gramophone	2 3/16	2 5/32	— 1/32
Wall Paper Def'd	43/-	39/9	— 3/3
P. & O. Def.	43/3	41/-	— 2/3
Imperial Chem.	21/-	20/-	— 1/-
Turner and Newall	2 15/16	2 11/16	— ¼
United Molasses	22/9	20/10½	—1/10½
Unilever	2 5/16	2 7/32	— 3/32
Intern. Tea	19/1½	19/6	+ -/4½
Brazil Traction	26⅞	27	+ ⅛
Radio Corpn.	23¾	20⅜	— 3⅜
Watney Def.	57/6	58/9	+ 1/3
Leyland Motor	61/-	60/3	— -/9
Simm's Motor Units	18/10½	17/6	—1/4½
MINES.			
Gold Fields	1 3/16	1 3/32	— 3/32
Village Deep	4/9	5/6	+ -/9
De Beers Def.	6½	6⅛	— ⅜
Bwana M'Kubwa	9/7½	9/-	— -/7½
Congo Border	10¾	10½	— ¼
N'Changa Copper	2⅛	2 1/16	— 1/16
Rio Tinto	30¼	30¾	+ ½
N'th Broken Hill	1 11/16	1¾	+ 1/16
Hong Kong Tin	15/-	15/9	+ -/9
Lake View	8/9	8/-	— -/9
OILS.			
Anglo-Persian	3 3/32	3 1/16	— 1/32
Burmah	4 1/16	4 1/32	— 1/32
Phœnix	8/3	7/9	— -/6
Royal Dutch	28⅛	27¾	— ⅜
Shell Transport	4 3/16	4 3/32	— 3/32
Trinidad Leaseholds	1 11/32	1⅜	+ 1/32
V.O.C.	1⅞	1 13/16	— 1/16
RUBBERS.			
Rubber Trust	24/10½	24/9	— -/1½
Anglo-Dutch	23/6	24/9	+ 1/3
United Sua Betong	1 31/32	2 1/16	+ 3/32
Malayalam	16/3	17/-	+ -/9
TEAS.			
Budla Beta	3⅛	2 13/16	— 5/16
Amalgamated	16½	17	+ ½
Moabund	2⅛	2¼	+ ⅛
Halem	1¼	1⅛	— ⅛

LEWIS BERGER.

PAINT MANUFACTURERS PAY 10 PER CENT.

Profits of Lewis Berger and Sons, paint manufacturers, whose revenue rose steadily in the four years to July 31, 1929, declined in the year 1929-30, the net balance working out at £106,634 as against £121,593.

The Preference dividend absorbed £28,000 and the Ordinary dividend, maintained at 10 per cent., takes £52,728. Nothing is this time placed to reserve, which was raised to £75,000 last year by the allocation of £25,000, but the carry-forward is increased from £39,634 to £65,541.

The issued capital totals £927,275 in 400,000 Preference and 527,275 Ordinary shares of £1 each. Ordinary now stand at £1 16s. 3d.; yield £5 10s. 4d. per cent.

GOLD FROM BRAZIL.

Gold to the value of £1,500,000 arrived at Victoria Dock in the Blue Star liner Avila Star yesterday. The gold was shipped from Brazil and was consigned to banks in London.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE GRAMOPHONE COMPANY.

STRONG POSITION DISCLOSED.

WIDE FIELD FOR SALES EXPANSION.

The ordinary general meeting of the Gramophone Company, Ltd., was held on Tuesday at Hotel Victoria, London, W.C.

Mr. Alfred Clark (the chairman) said that the profit for the year under review, before charging debenture interest and directors' fees, amounted to £870,741. That figure represented over 15 per cent. on their increased net assets, an earning power which at the present moment was not being equalled by many industrial concerns. At the last annual meeting the chairman had informed shareholders that, while the sales figures were in excess of the previous year, the margin was very small. The depression which had since affected trade the world over had then begun to make itself evident with them Happily in Great Britain the sales of the year had closed at a figure less than 2 per cent. under those of any previous year in the history of the company.

Dealing with the balance-sheet, the chairman said that their total assets at June 30, 1930, had reached the figure of £6,722,058, which was an increase of £1,426,276 on last year, after making adequate provision for depreciation. The new capital that was raised in July of last year had been required by the company for its commitments and for expansion of its business. Undoubted evidence of the coming of the trade depression had caused them to curtail their plans for further expansion, with the result that they had now a very large cash balance. They thought is was none too large for the safety of the company. It was there for the purpose of expansion when the right moment arrived, and, if that moment had been temporarily deferred, it was bound to come, and, when it did, the capital would then be required. The dividend of 20 per cent. for the year represented a distribution of some 74 per cent. of the year's trading profit. The average distribution over a period of twenty-eight years was 61 per cent. The directors felt that by increasing the distribution as they did they were going as far as a wise and safe policy would permit, considering the times through which they were all passing and the need of conserving the cash position.

TALKING FILMS AND RADIO.

It had been announced last year that the company had arranged to make the sound recording of four talking films. The completed films had subsequently been shown, with the result that two of them had been considered of exceptional merit and the other two good average films. It was a fact that profitable distribution of British films required exhibition abroad, particularly in the United States. American exhibitors, however, had been slow to take up British films, and although the bookings of their four films had given evidence of returning a small profit to the company, the directors had come to the conclusion that, until wider distribution could be assured, the production of films in this country, so far as the company was concerned, was too speculative, and they had decided that it would be wiser for the present for them to take their profit on the films they had made and withdraw from that field. The situation in the film trade, however, was ever changing, and the company was in a position to take advantage of any opportunity which presented itself under new conditions.

As shareholders knew, the company had purchased last year from Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company their business and existing rights in certain fields, which, of course, included radio. The purchase had already resulted in a satisfactory profit to the company, and they believed that given only normal trading conditions, they could expect an expanding profit. Through that purchase they had obtained a share in the royalties collected by the Marconi Company from the trade for the use of radio patents. They had also acquired important interests in the manufacture of radio valves, and that business, including the sale of valves under the Marconi trade-mark, was increasing.

The sales of radio receiving sets and accessories for the past year showed a considerable advance over those made in the previous year by the Marconiphone Company, but, while the sales were greater, the percentage of profit on radio sets was not yet on a par with that earned on gramophones. That was due to several causes, one of which was the high cost of manufacture, and they believed that their long experience in the manufacturing of gramophones in large quantities at minimum costs would enable them soon to reach a similar state of profitable efficiency in radio manufacture. In the new field of radio they were determined to preserve their world-renowned reputation for quality.

INCREASING POPULARITY OF RADIO.

The increasing popularity of radio was a matter of considerable interest to shareholders. The company's policy of supplying the public with both the gramophone and the radio had already been explained. The two inventions should—in fact, must—go hand in hand. Methods of distribution and service were the same in each case, and so they believed it would be with manufacture. New sets had been and were being designed to meet the public needs. Those that had so far been placed upon the market had met with instant success, and they anticipated that, when the line was complete, it would be as outstanding as was the gramophone line to-day.

As to the prospects for the coming year, the depression in trade, which was practically universal, and responsible for the falling off of their earnings in the past year, was unfortunately still with them, and the end of it could not yet be seen. They were carefully watching the effects on their trade, but there were no signs at present on which they could venture to predict when the change, which assuredly would come, would be apparent in their returns. In the proceedings on industrial concerns generally similar uncertainty on the subject existed. While occasionally one heard the opinion that signs of an approaching improvement were discernible, the more general belief was that such indications were not sufficiently clear to warrant forming, still less expressing, an opinion.

To indulge in prophecy on such a subject might mislead. Meanwhile, the popularity and high reputation of the company's goods remained as great as ever. There was no country in which they traded where they were not generally recognised as the best. The directors saw no waning interest in the gramophone. On the contrary, the popularity of music in the home, both for entertainment and education, was undiminished. There were just as many buyers to-day, but they had less to spend. Consequently the higher-priced instruments and records had suffered, while sales in many of the more popular-price lines had increased. Any idea that the mechanical or acoustic type of gramophone, as they called it, had been superseded by the electrical reproducer became absurd when one reflected that out of 8,000,000 homes in Great Britain only 2,000,000 were electrified, and, strange as it might seem, there were still millions of homes without gramophones—all potential customers.

Of the thousands of gramophones in use throughout the country to-day, a very large percentage were "His Master's Voice" machines, and it was common knowledge that it was the ambition of every gramophone owner eventually to possess one of those instruments. The directors believed the quality of the company's goods to be the pride and profit of their shareholders, and it was their intention to maintain that high standard during the present difficult period and not to lower it to meet what they believed to be but a temporary situation. The directors felt confident that, with the lessening of the general depression, they would return to better business and to an expansion of the prosperity they had continuously experienced in the past.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

OERTZ INTERNATIONAL STREAMLINE RUDDER CO., LTD.

At the first ordinary general meeting of this company held in London on October 24, Sir William Garthwaite, Bart. (chairman), said: We have had some striking successes and we have had no failures.

You are, of course, all aware that the Bremen, which broke the Atlantic record, so long held by the good old Mauretania, for which all who know her have such an affection, was fitted with the Oertz rudder, and we claim that some part of the credit for having beaten that record is due to the Oertz rudder. I am in the fortunate position today of being able to announce to you that the mammoth 50,000-ton liner Rex now under construction by the famous yard of Ansaldo, of Genoa, for Italian account, which is to compete for the blue riband of the Atlantic, will be fitted with the Oertz rudder.

We number among our clients at the present time the British Admiralty, the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the Union-Castle Line, the New Zealand Shipping Company, the Bibby Line, the Ellerman Lines, Messrs. Elder Dempster and Co., the Henderson Line, the Ben Line, Elders and Fyffes, Ltd., Hull and Netherlands S.S. Company, the London and North-Eastern Railway Company (for the whole of their fleet running to Hamburg), and the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company.

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MONEY MARKET.

HEAVY GOVERNMENT DISBURSEMENTS.

DISCOUNT RATES STEADY.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

While not over-abundant, credit supplies in the Money Market have continued sufficiently plentiful to ensure a continuance of comfortable working conditions during the past week Occasionally 1¾ per cent. was asked and paid for fresh funds, but, as a rule, the general charge for new day-to-day money has been 1½ per cent., which was also the rate for renewing regular loans from lenders other than the clearing banks.

To-day disbursements amounting to £16,500,000 were made by the Government in connection with the payment of interest on debt, while other dividend disbursements also totalled a substantial sum. Easy conditions are, therefore, anticipated at the resumption of business on Monday.

Discount rates have steadied after being inclined to weaken, the allotment of the new Treasury Bills on slightly less favourable terms for the market than last week's issue being without influence.

Movements in the foreign exchanges have been rather narrow, apart from those in the Spanish rate.

—	Method of quoting.	Par of exch.	Quotations. Nov. 1	Oct. 25
Paris, cheques	Fr. to £	124.21	123.77-.79	123.81-.83
Berlin	Mks. to £	20.43	20.38¾-.39	20.39-.39½
Brussels, ch'ques	Belga to £	35.00	34.84¾-.85¼	34.85-.85½
Amst'rd'm, chqs.	Fl. to £	12.107	12.06¼-.½	12.06½-.¾
Italy, sight	Lire to £	92.46	92.79-92.81	92.80-92.83
Greece	Drch. to £	375	374¾-375¼	374¾-375¼
Madrid, sight	Pes. to £	25.22½	43.75-43.80	45.20-45.30
Lisbon, sight	Escudo	4.50	108⅛-.⅜	108⅛-.⅜
Switz'rl'nd, sight	Fr. to £	25.22½	25.02¾-.03¼	25.02¾-.03
Oslo, sight	Kr. to £	18.159	18.15¾-.16¼	18.15¾-.16¼
Stockholm, sight	Kr. to £	18.159	18.10⅜-.⅞	18.10-.10½
Copenhagen, s'gt	Kr. to £	18.159	18.15¾-.16¼	18.15¾-.16¼
Helsingfors	Mks. to £	193.23	192⅞-193⅛	192⅞-193⅛
Vienna	Sh. to £	34.58½	34.45-34.47	34.44-34.47
Alexandria, sight	Pstrs. to £	97½	97 7/16-97 9/16	97 7/16-97 9/16
Prague	Kr. to £	164.25	163¾-⅞	163¾-⅞
Bucharest	Lei to £	813.6	817-819	817-819
Bombay, T.T.	d. to rupee	18d.	1s. 5 13/16d.	1s. 5 13/16d.
Calcutta, T.T.	d. to rupee	18d.	1s. 5 13/16d.	1s. 5 13/16d.
Hong Kong, T.T.	d. to dol.	—	1s. 3⅝d.	1s. 3¾d.
Shanghai, T.T.	d. to tael	—	1s. 7⅜d.	1s. 7⅜d.
Singapore, T.T.	d. to dol.	2s. 4d.	2s. 3 13/16d.	2s. 3 27/32d.
Kobe	Yen	24.57d.	2s. 0 15/32d.	2s. 0 15/32d.
New York, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅔	4.85 25/32-.27/32	4.85 29/32-.31/32
Montreal, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅔	4.85 3/16-.5/16	4.85 3/16-.5/16
Rio de J., T.T.	d. to ml.	5.89d.	4⅞-5 nom.	4¾-5 nom.
Buenos A's, T.T.	Dollar	47.58d.	38 11/16-38¾	38 11/16-38 13/16
Valp'r'iso, 90d'ys	Pesos to £	40	39.97	39.96
Montevideo, T.T.	d. to dol.	51d.	39½-40	38¼-38¾
Lima	Sols to £	12.166	15.17½	16.15

SIMPSON AND GODLEE.

COTTON MANUFACTURERS REPORT A LOSS.

Compared with a profit of £49,262 earned in 1928-29, Simpson and Godlee, cotton manufacturers and calico printers, has to report a loss of £17,152 for the fifty-four weeks ended September 24. This, deducted from £184,600 brought in, leaves available £167,448.

Preference dividends absorb £17,500, and the balance of £149,948 is carried forward, no dividend being proposed on the Ordinary capital, which for 1928-29 received 10 per cent. tax free.

ORCHORSOL SOUND REPRODUCTION.

INSUFFICIENT RESPONSE TO OFFER FOR CONTROL.

In a progress report the directors of Orchorsol Sound Reproduction state that the company is now and has for some time past been making satisfactory profits.

The questionnaire recently addressed to shareholders has shown that holders of less than 39 per cent. of the issued capital are prepared to accept the price suggested for their holdings in the company. In the event of a more advantageous offer being received shareholders will be advised. The feeling of the board on the subject is that the company's prospects are now too bright to make any but an exceptionally attractive offer worthy of serious consideration.

[Shareholders were offered 1s. per share, being par value for their shares, providing holders of not less than 75 per cent. of the capital of £41,150 accepted.]

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Readers who desire answers on financial matters should send their queries to "Financial Editor," the "Sunday Times," 135, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, so as to arrive not later than first post Fridays.

J. S. (Hove).—The shares are worth keeping for future appreciation.

C. J. B.—(1) The acknowledgment is in order. (2) This concern is best left alone.

ENQUIRER (Southport).—Imperial Tobaccos, Turner and Newall and Unilever.

YOKOHAMA.—City of Yokohama bonds are a sound selection, apart from earthquake risks.

PLYM.—A first-class society, but it would be a mistake to regard the 5 per cent. tax free rate as permanent.

J. Y. (Manchester).—Little chance of early recovery, but worth keeping if you can wait till trade improves.

ANXIOUS (Dublin).—Probably the Insurance company itself would make an advance on the security of your annuity.

MILFORD.—First-class Debenture stocks in Financial Trusts are difficult to obtain. Ask your broker what is on offer.

E. T. D.—Better hold Australia 5 per Cent. 1945-75. Under present conditions the risk is political as well as financial.

F. J. W.—Suggest you keep the New South Wales stock and wait for the report of the Brewery Company before deciding to sell.

X. (Newcastle).—(1) A fair risk to average African and Eastern. (2) Associated Tin might be averaged for the long shot.

T. H. B.—Would not advise waiting for British Government securities to fall Conversion 5 per Cent. would probably suit you best.

CAROLUS.—Not the cheapest, perhaps, but the most satisfactory arrangement would probably be to appoint your bankers trustees for the estate.

RUSTICUS.—(1) Cannot say when permission will be granted to deal in these. (2) Associated Electrical are quite promising but liable to fluctuate.

H. N. C.—Prefer to keep the Australian stocks for ultimate recovery. Wait for the result of the Royal Mail investigation before realising the Preference.

BAIRD (Earl's Colne).—(1) Great Western Railway 5 per Cent. Guaranteed stock might suit you. (2) Colonial trustee stocks are subject to British income-tax at source.

R. R. D.—If you can wait for recovery and can face the possibility of further temporary depreciation a purchase of Australia 1945-75 would probably turn out well.

T. M.—(1) West Australia 6 per Cent. 1930-40 is quoted about 96. Would not sell. (2) Speculative under present conditions. Suggest you keep the Debentures and sell the Preference.

R. S.—Do not care to advise a further purchase of the Industrials. The dividend may be reduced though there is no reason to suppose that the capital will have to be written down.

ROSEMEAD.—Would not sell Nos. 1 to 6, or Nos. 8 to 11. Conversion 3½ per Cent. would be a good selection for investment. Do not care to advise selling No. 7, although the early outlook is uncertain.

FAITH.—See little to be gained by holding on to No. 1. If you care to take a risk you might exchange into Oertz International Streamline Rudder 8 per Cent. Debenture stock. Would keep the others.

G. M. H. (St. Albans).—There is fair chance of an eventual improvement in the value of both Manchester Ship Canal Ordinary and Imperial Chemical Deferred, though an immediate or even early recovery need not be looked for.

LIMERICK.—(1) Keep Cunards for eventual recovery. (2) Would not advise taking the present price if you can wait till the situation mends. (3) May be obtainable cheaper still. (4) Associated Electrical are quite promising. (5) Prefer to sell these.

ALFHA.—War Loan 5 per Cent. is the nearest approach to your requirements. Income-tax is deducted at source from interest on Consols 2½ per cent. The 300 certificates would be sufficient to make the purchase.

X. Y. Z.—The Australian Premier has said that the country's obligations will be honoured, and with that assurance one must be satisfied, but the buyer at present prices faces the risk of possible further depreciation.

N. F. M.—Would not take present prices for Nos. 1 to 4, though you may have a long wait for recovery, especially in No. 2. In your second list the position of (a) and (b) is not strong, but is expected to improve. The others are all quite reasonable investments.

R. C B.—You might place part of your capital in first-class Investment Trust stocks. Your broker will tell you which of these are on offer. Industrial Debentures and Preference shares might suit you. For the sum mentioned English Sewing Cotton 4 per Cent. Debenture stock is suggested.

H. J. P.—(1) Dividend paid in April. Last time 7½ per cent. (2) Due in July. No payment for 1929. (3) 10 per cent June and December. (4) 21 per cent. February and August. (5) 4½ per cent. for year. Interim 1 per cent. against 2 per cent. March and August. (6) Preference dates same. (8) 15 per cent. February and September. (9) 35 per cent. March and September. (7) 15 per cent. tax free January and August.

WALL STREET FIRM.

IMPROVEMENT AFTER EASY OPENING.

LOSSES REGAINED ON SHORT COVERING.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The tendency at the opening was easy, but after a sagging movement, in which losses of from 1 to 5 points were recorded, with selling chiefly confined to specialities and a few utilities, the market rallied in late dealings. The improvement was apparently largely due to short covering which cancelled most of the day's losses and carried several pivotal issues to a little above yesterday's close.

General Motors were supported on the third quarter earnings statement, which apparently was a little better than Wall Street generally expected.

Although trading had been rather too sluggish to give recent resistance levels much of a test, the fact that the market failed as a whole to break into new ground was generally regarded in speculative quarters as encouraging.

There was little in business news to change the speculative outlook, and traders as a rule were disposed to wait on sidelines, pending indications of a more definite trend. The closing was firm.

American Can, American Telephone and Telegraph, Union Carbide, and Eastman Kodak, after declining 2 or more, finished fractionally higher, while Ingersoll Rand, American Water Works, and Gillette Safety Razor declined from 2 to 4 points. Government Bonds quiet. Railroad Bonds steady. The day's sales totalled 999,000 shares. Money on call nominal. Sterling exchange steady. Silver ⅛c. higher at 36⅛.

Baltimore and Ohio and Shell Transport and Trading advanced ¾, Erie Railroad shares, Illinois Central, Anaconda Copper, and General Motors ½, Louisville and Nashville 1½, New York Central, Consolidated Gas (New York), and General Electric 1¼, Bethlehem Steel 1⅛, United States Steel Common 1¾, Missouri, Kansas and Texas ½.

Chesapeake and Ohio Common declined ⅝, Lehigh Valley shares ½, Norfolk and Western Common 1⅝. Seven per cent. German External Loan advanced ½. Missouri, Kansas and Texas Adj. 5 per cent. Bonds Series "A" declined ⅞, and United Kingdom Funding Loan 4 per cent. 2.—Reuter.

IRREGULAR TREND ON CURB.

UTILITIES SOLD IN EARLY TRADING.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, November 1.

The trend early was downward, but a flurry of short covering in the last quarter of an hour cancelled most of the earlier losses. Selling of Utilities featured trading, but prices finally were little changed. Electric Bond and Share were the most active, declining to 50¼ before meeting support.

Oils were irregular, and Investment issues ruled quiet. Among Industrials and Specialties Driver Harris and Newmont Mining lost fractions.

Eng. Equiv	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.
23⅜	Associated Gas and Electric A.	23⅛	23⅛
26	Brazilian Traction Light & Power	25¼	25
24 5/16	Cities Service	23⅝	23½
4⅛	Creole Oil	4	4
52¾	Electric Bond and Share	51¼	51½
13⅞	Electric Shareholding Common	13½	14¾
25¾	Ford (Canada) voting "B"	25	20
16⅞	Imperial Oil of Canada	16⅜	16½
14 1/16	International Petroleum	14¼	14⅜
22¼	Middle West Utilities	21⅝	21⅛
58 1/16	Newmont Mining	57	57½
12⅞	Niagara Hudson Power Corporation	12½	12¼
8⅛	Penn Road Corporation	7⅞	7¾
9¾	Silica Gel. Corporation	9½	10
41 7/16	Standard Oil of Indiana	40¼	40⅛
	FOREIGN SECURITIES.		
5⅜	Associated Electrical Industries	5¼	5½
2 5/16	Bwana M'Kubwa	2¼	2¼
15⅜	Ford (of England) £1 shares (fy.p.)	15½	15⅝
11 3/16	General Elect. Ord.*	10⅞	10⅞
27⅜	Hydro-Electric	27⅛	26½
3 1/16	Marconi Canada b	3	2⅞
8⅜	Marconi Marine Ord.*	8⅛	8⅛
16⅝	Roan Antelope a	16⅛	16½

* American Deposit Receipt.
a Receipt represents four English shares.
b Warrants for Shares Sold.

AMERICAN PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Coffee opened steady 3 points lower to 2 higher. Trading was inactive, and consisted mostly of week-end covering, with offerings light. The close was quiet with Rio contracts 1 to 2 points, and Santos grades 5 to 3 points up. Spots quiet and unchanged. Rio No. 7, 8⅜; Santos No. 4, 12½; Futures basis Rio No. 7 December, 6.55; Jan., 6.22; March, 5.77; May, 5.61; July, 5.51; Sept., 5.40. Estimated day's sales Rio Futures, 1,000 bags. Futures basis Santos No. 4: Dec., 10.45; Jan., 9.75; March, 9.46; May, 9.03; July, 8.86; Sept., 8.70. Estimated sales Santos Futures, 3,000 bags.

Cocoa.—Spot, 6⅜. Futures closed easy 13 to 15 points lower; sales 22 lots. Dec., 6.12; Jan., 6.23; March, 6.43; May, 6.62; July, 6.80; Sept., 6.98.

Sugar ruled quiet but steady, week-end covering absorbing local offerings. Traders were awaiting the outcome of the Cuban election. The close was quiet with futures unchanged to a point down. Spot steady and unaltered. 96 Test Centrifugal Cuban Local Spot, 3.42; approximate day's sales, 2,000 tons. Dec., 1.43; Jan., 1.45; March, 1.52; May, 1.58; July, 1.64; Sept., 1.71; Oct. (1931), 1.72.

Wheat.—Irregular Manitoba ⅞c. lower and other wheats ⅛c. down to ⅝c. up; No. 2 Amber Durum Spot, 81⅞; No. 2 Mixed Durum Spot, 79⅞; No. 2 Northern Manitoba Spot, 81; No. 2 Hard Winter Spot, 88⅞; No. 2 Red Winter Spot, 96⅛.

Lard.—Steady and unchanged. Prime western steam, 12.35; middle west, 12.20 to 12.30.

Flour.—Steady. Spring Clears 100 per cent., 4.40 to 4.65; sales for export, nil.

Petroleum.—Mid-Continent easier, other grades steady. Standard white in cases, 15.65; barrels, 12.25; mid-Continent crude 33 to 33.9 Baume, 85 cents.; Pennsylvania crude, 1.60 to 2.00.

Rubber.—Very quiet. First latex crepe spot, 8⅝ buyers; smoked ribbed sheets spot, 8⅝ buyers, 8¾ sellers; December, 8¾ buyers; January-February-March, 9 buyers, 9⅛ sellers. Rubber Exchange of New York (closing) contract "A" quiet. 30 points down to unchanged. December, 8.50; January, 8.70; March, 8.90; May, 9.10; July, 9.30; September, 9.50; Sales, 13 lots.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

Wheat opened steady, unchanged to ¼c. lower for old contracts and ⅛c. to ⅜c. cheaper for new. At the close the tendency was steady, with old contracts ⅛c. down to ⅛c. up, while new were unchanged to ⅜c. dearer. No. 2 hard winter spot, 77½; December, 76¾ to 76⅞; March, 81 to 81⅛; May, 82⅞.

Hogs.—Easy, with light kinds 20 to 15 points, and heavy descriptions 10 to 25 points lower. Light weight, 8.65 to 9.00; heavy weight, 9.00 to 9.15.—Reuter.

WINNIPEG WHEAT.

WINNIPEG, Saturday.

Wheat opened steady at ¼c. lower. Export interest was poor, with best bids for Manitobas reported 2 to 3 cents a bushel under market prices. Advices stating that rust damage would be negligible with the continuation of more favourable weather, coupled with reports of increased holdings of foreign wheats at the eight principal European ports, were further depressing features The market closed easy and ⅞c. to ¾c. down. December, 70¾; May, 76½.—Reuter.

NEW YORK METALS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The following quotations are supplied by Messrs. C. S. Trench and Co.:—

Copper, steady. Lake Spot delivered consuming points in Middle West, 9.62½, asked; Electrolytic Spot delivered Connecticut Valley, 9.50 asked; Electrolytic f.a.s. New York prompt delivery, 9.50 asked; Electrolytic f.a.s. New York 30-90 days 9.50 asked.

Casting, f.o.b. New York Refinery, 9.25 asked.

Straits Tin.—Steady Spot and December, both 5 points down; Spot and Nearby New York, 26.70; Future option December, 26.80.

Lead.—Steady and unchanged; Spot New York, 5.10; Spot East St. Louis, 4.95.

Zinc.—Steady and unaltered; Spot East St. Louis, 4.05.

Silver.—Bar, 36⅛.

Tin Plates.—Box f.o.b. Pittsburg basis, 5.25.

Pig Iron.—Steady.

Northern No. 2 Plain f.o.b. furnace Eastern Pennsylvania, 18.89; No. 2 Plain Buffalo delivery Boston, 21.16.

Copper.—The U.S. Copper Export Association quotes Copper c.i.f. Hamburg, 9.80.—Reuter.

RALLY IN COTTON.

PRICES MOVE WITHIN NARROW LIMITS.

EXCLUSIVE CABLE TO THE "SUNDAY TIMES."

NEW YORK, Saturday.

There was further progress of the reactionary movement which developed about the middle of this week after the steady rise of about 1½ cents from the low record of the year. Prices declined during the early trading until December sold at 11.05 c. and all months were half a cent from the recent highest point, but the whole list then recovered ten points on heavy buying by Southern mills and the market steadied.

A greater degree of activity in coarse goods has been reported in the past week which brought mills into the market for the raw material, and the setback of half a cent created a better buying basis from the standpoint of consumers.

New Orleans was closed and with less "hedging" than in the past three days prices moved within narrow limits. Frosts extending over the East belt and killing vegetables as far South as Atlanta makes the season about normal.

While the week's exports made a very unfavourable comparison with a year ago, the figures last year included the month-end clearances, and a better showing is expected in the next few days. Though the Census Report showed 150,000 bales more ginned this year than last, the South has moved 600,000 less bales into sight than a year ago, showing both the extent of the holding movement and the lack of aggressive demand by the trade.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Cotton opened steady and 1 to 6 points lower. Trading was again inactive, values receding under liquidation and Southern selling, owing to a limited demand, and absence of new features. There was some trade buying on the decline, and the market rallied partially under covering. The closing was steady, with old contracts 3 to 4 points and new deliveries 2 to 7 points lower. Spot quiet at 5 points fall.

Highest and lowest cotton prices in the last thirty seconds of trading at New York:—November, 10.91-10.91; December, 11.10-11.10; January, 11.26-11.26. New contracts: November, 10.92-10.92; December 11.14-11.11; January, 11.25-11.25; February 11.37-11.37; March, 11.52-11.50; April, 11.60-11.60; May 11.71-11.71; June, 11.81-11.81; July, 11.92-11.91; August, 11.98-11.98; September, 12.06-12.06; October, 12.11-12.11. Spot middling at New York, 11.15.

New Orleans exchange was closed to-day.—Reuter.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

There was a moderate spot business done in American and Brazilian. Quotations are 5 points lower. Extra fine is unchanged, whilst other Sakellaridis and Pilion are 5 points lower. Fair and G.F. of upper are 7, F.G.F. 8, Good 22, fine 15, and extra fine 4 points lower. East Indians are generally reduced 5 points.

Spot quotations:—American middling, 6.19; Brazilian, Pernam Maceio, etc., fair, 6.14; Egyptian, Sakellaridis, F.G.F., 9.90; East Indian, M.G. broach, good, —; F.G., 4.60, fine, 4.85. Tinnevelly F.G.F., 5.65; good, 5.90; M.G. Oomra, good, 4.05; F.G., 4.25; fine, 4.45; M.G. Bengal, good, 3.85; F.G., 4.00; fine, 4.15.

American futures opened 3 to 4 points down. Apart from a small Continental demand there was little interest shown in the market, and price movements were only of a narrow character. The close was quiet at 5 to 2 points lower.

Egyptian futures, in the absence of any pressure to sell, rates ruled steady. Sakellaridis November gained 4 points, but the other positions were unchanged to one point lower. Upper descriptions were 2 to 3 points lower.

Closing Futures.—American: November, 5.95; December, 6.02; January 6.08; February, 6.12; March, 6.20; April, 6.24; May, 6.30; June, 6.34; July, 6.39; August, 6.42; September, 6.45; October, 6.48; November, 6.51; January (1932), 6.58. Egyptian:—Sakellaridis: November, 9.01; December, 8.99; January, 9.02; March, 9.16; May, 9.31; July, 9.47 Upper: November, 6.81; December, 6.85; January, 6,88; March, 6.98; May, 7.09; July, 7.21.—Reuter

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Railroad earnings for the month of September:—Northern Pacific, gross 8,538,000 dols. (decrease 1,397,000 dols.), net 2,989,000 dols. (decrease 530,000 dols.).—Reuter.

"SUNDAY TIMES" NEW YORK CLOSING PRICES

RAILROADS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.
202	Atchison	196¼	195⅞x	98 13/16	Illinois Central	96	95½	58 13/16	Northern Pacific	57⅛	57
119 5/16	Atlantic C. L.	116½	118	11 5/16	Int. R. C. Am.	11	11	67 3/16	Pennsylvania	65¼	65x
83⅜	Baltimore & O.	81	80¼	41 3/16	Kans. City S.	40	43	97 13/16	Reading	95	95
43½	Can. Pac. (New)	42¼	42¼	110 1/16	Louisvl. & Nash.	107½	106	71 9/16	S. Louis S. Fran.	69½	70
42 9/16	Ches. & Ohio	41⅜	42	1	Mex. Nat. 1st Pf.	1a	1c	41 3/16	St. Louis S.W.	40	45½g
6 13/16	Chic. G. West	6¾	6½	½	Do. 2nd Pref.	½b	½d	1 15/16	Sea. Air Line	1⅞	1⅞
24 1/16	Do. Prfd.	24	23½	24 7/16	Missri. K. & Tex.	23¾	23¼	107 1/16	Southern Pacific	104	104
8⅝	Chic. Mil. St. P.	8⅜	8⅛	74⅛	Do. Pref.	72	73	73⅝	Southern Rly.	71½	71⅛
14 7/16	Do. Pref.	14	14	40 1/16	Missouri Pacific	39½	39½	199 3/16	Union Pacific	193½	193½
73 1/16	Chic. Rock Is.	71	71	103 11/16	Do. Pref.	100¾	100¾	18½	Wabash New	18	18
34½	Erie	33½	33	142 5/16	N.Y. Central	138½	137¼	52½	Do. Pref. A.	51	51
48⅞	Do. 1st Pf.	47½	47½	91⅛	New Haven	88½	89				
68 7/16	Gt. Nthn. Pf.	66½	66¼	219¼	Norfolk & West	213	214⅝	16½d	Silver	36⅛	35⅞

a Bid, 2½ asked. b Bid, ⅝ asked. c Bid, 2½ asked. d Bid, ⅝ asked. g Asked.

INDUSTRIALS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
103 13/16	Air Reduction	101	99¾	54 13/16	Elec. Stor. Bat.	53¼	53	59 3/16	Otis Elevator	57½	56
205⅞	Allied C. and Dye	200	196½	37 5/16	Fox Film "A"	36¼	36½	8⅞	Packard Motors	8⅝	8⅞
117⅝	Am. Can	114¼	113⅝x	52⅞	Gen. Electric	51⅜	50⅛	49 11/16	Paramount Publix	48¼	47¾
31⅜	Am. Loco	30½	30½	52	Gen. Foods Cor.	50½	50¼	56⅛	Pullman Co.	54½	54½
20 9/16	Am. Radiator	20	20⅜	35⅝	Gen. Motors	34⅝	34⅛	19 9/16	Remington Tpe.	19	19
36⅛	Am. Rolling Mills	35⅛	35¼	27 13/16	Gillette Razor	27	31	20 5/16	Republic I. & S.	19¾	19⅞
54 9/16	Am. Smelt. & R.	53	53	18	Goodrich B. F.	17½	16¾	45 9/16	Reynold Tob. B.	44¼	43⅞
44¾	Am. Sugar Ref.	43½	43½	19 7/16	Hudson Motors	18⅞	19	49 11/16	Sears-Robk.	48¼	47⅝
111 3/16	Am. Tobac. "B"	108	110¼	169⅞	Ingersoll Rand	165	173	16 5/16	Stan. Brands	15⅞	16
36 9/16	Anaconda	35½	35	61½	Int. Harvester	59¾	59½	19 15/16	Studebaker Cn.	19⅜	19⅞
51¾	Atlantic Gulf	50¼	49	66 13/16	Int. Match Pref.	65	65½	53	Tex. Gf. Sul.	51½	51¼
22⅝	Baldwin Loco.	22	21¼	18	Intern. Nickel	17½	17¼	63 1/16	Union Carbide	61¼	60½
72 9/16	Bethlem. Steel	70½	69⅜	9⅜	Intern. Paper 'A'	9⅛	9½	32 3/16	United Aircraft	31¼	30¾
15 13/16	Celanese of Am.	15½	15	25¾	Kennecott Cop.	25	25	22	United Corp.	21⅜	21⅜
31 13/16	Cerro de Pasco	31	30½	24 13/16	Kreuger & Toll	24⅛	24⅜	66 15/16	United Fruit	65	65
26	Chile Copper	25¼	25⅛	64 1/16	Lehman Corp.	62¼	62½	64⅞	U.S. In. Alcohol	63	63
16 5/16	Chrysler Motor	15⅞	15⅞	87½	Liggett Myers	85	85	13⅜	U.S. Rubber	13	13
11 9/16	Columbia Graph.	11¼	11⅛	58 3/16	Loew's Incor.	56½	56	150	U.S. Steel	145¾	144
50 7/16	Cont. Can	49	47⅞x	46 5/16	Mack Trucks	45	46	151 13/16	Do. Pref.	147½	147⅝
77 11/16	Corn Prod. Rf.	75½	74½	19 9/16	Montg. Ward	19	19½	154⅜	Utah Copper	150g	125
60 9/16	Crucible Steel	58½	58	28 9/16	Nash Motors	27¾	27½	50 1/16	Vanadium Cpn.	48⅝	48⅛x
18½	Davison Chem.	18	18⅛	78¾	Natl. Biscuit	76½	77	105¾	Westinghouse	102¾	101¼
72 9/16	Drug Incorptd.	70½	70⅜	32 3/16	Natl. Cash Reg.	31¼	31	64⅞	Woolworth	63	61¾
91⅞	Du Pont Nms.	89¼	89⅛	44¾	Natl. Dairy	43½	43⅝	80 5/16	Worthn. Pump.	78	76
177 3/16	Eastman Kodak	172½	170¾	123½	National Lead	120	120	88½	Y'ungstn Sheet	86	86

g Asked.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
40⅛	Am. & For. Power	39	38⅝	48⅛	Elec. P. and L.	46¾	47¼	20 5/16	Radio Corpn.	19¾	18⅞
200¾	Am. Tel. and Tlg.	195	194½	27¼	Int. Rapid Trns.	26½	27½	74⅛	Standard Gas	72	73¼
43⅜	Columbia Gas	42⅛	42½	29 5/16	Int. Tel. Teleg.	28½	28⅝	31	United Gas Imp.	30⅛	30
10 7/16	Comwlth. Sthn.	10⅛	10	85 13/16	North Am. Co.	83½	83¾	140¼	W. Union Tlg.	136¼	135⅜
				85 7/16	Pub. Serv. N.J.	83	81½				

OILS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
22⅜	Atlantic Refin.	21¾	21⅞	40	Shell	38⅞	38⅛	54 13/16	Standard N.J.	53¼	52¾
48¼	Pan Amer. B	46⅞	46⅝	11 3/16	Shell Union	10⅞	10¾	27¼	Do. N.Y.	26½	26⅛
11 5/16	Petroleum Corp.	11	11	14⅛	Sinclair	13¾	14	41 3/16	Texas Corpn.	40	40⅛
45 5/16	Royal Dutch	44¼	44⅛	53	Stand. California	51½	51	10 7/16	Tri. Continental	10⅛	10½

[Quotations from the "Sunday Times" New York Correspondent and Reuter's Agency.]

VENESTA PROFITS MAINTAINED.

DIVIDEND REPEATED AT 8 PER CENT.

RESERVE STRENGTHENED.

Trading profits of Venesta, manufacturers of plywood, tea chests, etc., rose from £175,841 to £182,016 in the year to June 30, while the total revenue, including interest and sundry income, totalled £196,656, as compared with £186,151.

After meeting administration expenses and depreciation and increased interest charges, the net profit was £93,254 (against £97,349), of which £28,000 is again required for Preference dividend. The income-tax reserve receives £9,000 against £8,000, and the allocation to general reserve is repeated at £25,000, making that fund £75,000, in addition to the depreciation reserve on Continental assets of £250,072. The ordinary dividend is again 8 per cent. less tax, and the carry forward is increased from £88,245 to £93,642. Assets after deducting the £304,923 reserve for depreciation on plant, etc., total £1,871,258. Of this fixed assets, plant, investments (£302,079) and loans to Continental agencies (£142,618) account for £790,700. Trading assets, including stocks of £327,631 and cash of £8,893 amount to £1,074,414, the balance of £6,144 being cash on Debenture redemption account.

CENTRAL ARGENTINE RAILWAY.

OFFER OF 5 PER CENT. DEBENTURE STOCK.

The subscription lists are now open in connection with the offer of £3,000,000 Five per Cent. Redeemable Debenture stock by the Central Argentine Railway at 87½ per cent.

The stock will be repayable at par on May 1, 1987, but the company will have the right to redeem all or part at 102½ per cent. after May, 1967. The issue ranks pari passu with the £6,000,000 of similar stock outstanding.

Proceeds will be applied towards the repayment of temporary loans and to finance expenditure on new works, including the electrification of the suburban lines and branch connections.

After charging interest of £929,682 on Debenture stocks and other issues, the net balance of profit for 1929-30 was £2,159,301.

Excluding the profit on redemption, the stock offers a running yield of a little over £5 14s. per cent.

REPORTS & NOTICES

BARCLAYS BANK.—A new branch has been opened at Friday Street, Minehead, under the management of Mr. R. J. Perry.

AMALGAMATED COTTON MILLS TRUST.—Directors decided not to make any payment, on October 31, in respect of dividend on Preference and "B" Preference shares

LLOYDS BANK.—A branch is now open at 194, Union Street, Oldham, under the management of Mr. R. O. Cooke, the hours of business being 9 till 3; Saturdays 9 till 12.

NAUTILUS STEAM SHIPPING.—Accounts show loss of £48,203 (against £19,268). Deducting credit balance of £5,299 brought in, leaves £42,904, against which £45,000 is again transferred from reserve, giving credit to carry forward of £2,095.

ROAN ANTELOPE COPPER MINES.—Holders of allotment letters of £1,500,000 7 per cent. Debenture stock are reminded that the last day for registration of renounced allotment letters is Tuesday next, otherwise the Debenture stock will be registered in the name of the allottee.

MINING TRUST.—Weekly progress report states: Mount Isa Drifts, crosscuts, etc., 135 ft. New Guinea Goldfields—Location No. 3: W. drift advanced 22 ft., total 625 ft., assay 110s., width 67 inches, full width not exposed. Location No. 8: S.E. drift advanced 28 ft., total 765 ft., assay 105s., width 61 inches, full width not exposed.

INCOME-TAX QUERIES.

M. E. F. W.—Assessments can be made for six past years. If you have wilfully omitted to return interest assessments can be made in treble duty.

C. F. W.—You should enter particulars of income from all sources on Form No. 12a. You will not be taxed twice. You will still be taxed separately on salary, separately on house you own and occupy, and separately on other property. But complete return is necessary in order that allowances due may be properly made.

SINGALA.—The basis of assessment in respect of foreign securities or foreign possessions was changed in 1927-8, and then became basis of preceding year's income. In first year of liability basis is actual year's income. In second year of liability basis is first year or second year, whichever is less. In third year and thereafter basis is preceding year.

PUZZLED.—The overdraft interest is business expense, and therefore is deduction from business profit before allowing from that profit one-sixth rebate on earned income. As business profit will all have been subjected to one-sixth allowance, effect of claim to refund in respect of overdraft interest is deduction of one-sixth therefrom. The procedure was correct.

FESTINA LENTE.—You can calculate relief due as follows:—From gross income from investments deduct £50 bank overdraft interest, £225 married allowance, and £60 child allowance. The balance of income is taxable at 2s. in £, and from this you can claim 2s. in £ on life insurance premiums, but not to greater extent than one-sixth of gross investment income minus bank interest.

CANADA.—From the dividends there has been deducted tax at 2s. 6d. only. 1s. 6d. was allowed to company for relief from Dominion tax, and this relief has been handed on to you. But you are entitled to relief only at half own appropriate rate of British tax. Your rate is 2s., and relief is therefore only 1s. The excess relief allowed to you is adjusted by Inland Revenue in computing allowances due to you.

SYLVIA.—(1) If residence is to continue beyond six months in current year non-British subject will undoubtedly be deemed resident in this country. (2) As resident in this country repayments can be claimed of personal allowances due. (3) The interest from Colonial stock is deemed income from securities abroad. (4) A remittance from abroad for tax purposes is receipt in this country, whether by cheque, draft, credit, or other constructive method, of income which arises abroad.

H. B. T.—For 1930-31 you are entitled to rebates due, namely, rebate of £225 free of tax and £250 to be taxed only at 2s. instead of 4s. 6d. This refund would be made immediately after April 5 next, as it will not be until then that year will be complete and you will have suffered tax by deduction on all private income. If, however, you wish to make claim for part of relief in meantime, you could now send in particulars of what total income will be with vouchers showing what tax you have already suffered by deduction this year and proportionate refund will be made, balance being settled after next April.

MAIL AND STEAMSHIP NEWS.

THE MAILS.

BURGENLAND (H.A.L.) for Kobe left Singapore November 1.
CALIFORNIA (Anchor) from Clyde for Bombay arrived Port Said, November 1.
CHESHIRE (Bibby) Rangoon for Tilbury Dock passed Gravesend November 1.
COBLENZ (N.D.L.) Hamburg for Chinwangtao left Tientsin, November 1.
CORRALES (Elders and Fyffes) from Continent arrived Avonmouth, November 1.
DIPLOMAT (Harrison) from Port Natal arrived Mersey, November 1.
FRANKEN (N.D.L.) from Bremen arrived Iloilo, November 1.
HAURAKI (U.S.N.Z.) from Vancouver arrived Melbourne, November 1.
KAGA MARU (N.Y.K.) from Bombay arrived Shanghai, November 1.
KAMAKURA MARU (N.Y.K.) for Kobe left Singapore, November 1.
LAHORE (P and O.) London for Yokohama left Hongkong, November 1.
MADURA (B.I.) East Africa for U.K. and Continent left Aden, November 1.
MATIANA (B.I.) for Beira left Dar-es-Salaam, November 1.
MERKARA (B.I.) Calcutta for London left Plymouth, November 1.
MIRZAPORE (P. and O.) Yokkaichi for Bombay left Colombo, November 1.
NARKUNDA (P. and O.) London for Brisbane left Sydney, November 1.
NJASSA (H.A.L.) Hamburg for Port Natal left East London, November 1.
PORT BRISBANE (C. and D.) from Dunedin arrived Port Ahuriri (N.Z.), November 1.
RANCHI (P and O.) London for Yokohama arrived Southampton, November 1.
RAWALPINDI (P. and O.) London for Yokohama arrived Singapore November 1.
STAFFORDSHIRE (Bibby) for Rangoon left Mersey, November 1.
STRABO (Lamport) for Montevideo left Mersey, November 1.
TALMA (B.I.) for Osaka left Singapore, November 1.
TATSUTA MARU (N.Y.K.) from Hongkong arrived Shanghai, November 1.
TILAWA (B.I.) for Calcutta left Singapore, November 1.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

ABBEKERK from Hamburg arrived Adelaide, November 1.
EUMASUS for Glasgow left Singapore, November 1.
ORESTES for London left Shanghai, November 1.
TECUMSEH for Los Angeles left Nagasaki, November 1.

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BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

Following a pianoforte recital by Clifford Curzon on the National programme, the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, Dean of Canterbury, will deliver the sixth of the series of addresses on "Science and Religion." The B.B.C. Orchestra, conducted by Leslie Howard, will broadcast the second Sunday orchestral concert on the London Regional programme.

NATIONAL (1,554.4 metres).

10.30-10.45 a.m.—Time and Weather.
3.0.—Church Cantata No. 180, Bach, "Schmucke Dich, O Liebe Seele" (Deck Thyself in Radiance Holy); Elsie Suddaby (soprano), Doris Owens (contralto), Tom Purvis (tenor), Stanley Riley (bass); Wireless Chorus; B.B.C. Orchestra.
3.45.—Children's Service, conducted by Canon C. S. Woodward, from St. John's, Smith Square, Westminster.
4.15.—Wireless Military Band; Arthur Cranmer (baritone).
5.15.—Recital by Clifford Curzon (pianoforte).
5.45-6.15.—Science and Religion—6, by Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, Dean of Canterbury.
8.0.—Studio Service: The Interpretation of Nature; conducted by Rev. Thomas Cameron.
8.45.—Canon C. S. Woodward appeals for Kensington Council of Social Service.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—Albert Sandler and Park Lane Hotel Orchestra; George Baker (baritone); Albert Sandler (violin); from Park Lane Hotel.
10.30.—Epilogue.

LONDON NATIONAL (261.3 metres).

3.0-6.15.—National.
8.0-10.40.—National.

LONDON REGIONAL (356.3 metres).

3.30.—Gershom Parkington Quintet; Margaret Balfour (contralto); Andrew Clayton (tenor).
5.0-5.15.—Bible Reading: The Letters of St. Paul, 14—Philemon.
7.50.—Midland Regional.
8.45.—National.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—Sunday Orchestral Concert—2: The B.B.C. Orchestra; Olga Olgina (soprano); Marcelle Meyer (pianoforte).
10.30.—Epilogue.

MIDLAND REGIONAL (479.2 metres).

3.30.—Bernard Johnson (organ); Marion Keighley Snowden (pianoforte), relayed from Albert Hall, Nottingham.
4.15.—Midland Studio Orchestra.
5.0-5.15.—London Regional.
7.50.—Roman Catholic Service, conducted by Canon John Roskell, relayed from St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.
8.45.—Miss Madeleine Carroll appeals for West Bromwich and District Hospital.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—Birmingham Military Band; Reginald Morgan (tenor); Leonard Dennis (violoncello); Richard Merriman (cornet solo).
10.30.—Epilogue.

MANCHESTER (376.4 metres) and LEEDS (200 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 8.0.—Service: Address by Rev. F. Paton Williams, relayed from St. Ann's Church, Manchester. 8.45.—Mr. Gerald D. Cochrane appeals for North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough, from Newcastle. 8.50.—National. 9.5.—Shepherd Munn (pianoforte); Michael Zacharewitsch (violin); Bernard Ross (baritone); Rita Sharpe (violoncello). 10.30.—Epilogue.

NEWCASTLE, LIVERPOOL, BRADFORD, SHEFFIELD, HULL, and STOKE-ON-TRENT (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 8.0.—National. 8.45.—Manchester. 8.50-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

CARDIFF (309.9 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 6.30.—Service; Harold Beer (soloist); Frank A. Tayler (organist); Chairman, Mr. F. A. Wilshire; Address by Canon F. D. V. Narborough, relayed from Colston Hall, Bristol. 8.0.—National. 9.5: —National Orchestra of Wales; Maud Neilson (soprano), relayed from Park Hall. 10.0.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue. 10.40-11.0.—Silent Fellowship.

SWANSEA (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 8.0-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue. 10.40-11.0.—Cardiff.

BELFAST (242.3 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 6.30-7.45.—Edinburgh 8.50.—National. 9.5.—Symphony Orchestra; Margaret Collier (soprano), Olive Warnock (pianoforte). 10.30.—Epilogue.

BOURNEMOUTH AND PLYMOUTH (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 8.0-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

GLASGOW (398.9 metres) and ABERDEEN (301.5 metres).—3.0.—National. 4.15.—Studio Orchestra; Ernest Potts (bass). 5.15-6.15.—National. 6.30-7.45.—Edinburgh. 7.50.—London Regional. 8.45.—Edinburgh. 8.50-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

DUNDEE and EDINBURGH (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 6.30-7.45.—Service: Address by Rev. T. B. Stewart Thomson, relayed from St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh. 8.0.—National.—8.45.—Lord Salvesen appeals for Scottish Veterans' Garden City Association. 8.50-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

DUBLIN (413 metres).—8.30.—Fingal Quartet. 8.55.—"The Merry Makers." 9.25.—Jack MacGarvey (banjo). 9.35.—Paulyne Bindley (soprano). 9.50.—Joseph Schofield ('cello). 10.0.—Sponsored programme.

INTERESTING ITEMS THIS WEEK.

MONDAY.—6.40.—Cesar Franck's pianoforte music, played by Laffitte (also each evening). 7.45.—All British Record Vaudeville Programme. 10.0.—Chamber Music (Nat.).
9.5.—Musical Comedy Programme (London Reg.)
6.40.—Midland Studio Orchestra (Mid.).

TUESDAY.—7.45.—The Gershom Parkington Quintet. 9.40.—More Djinns and Bitters (Nat.).
9.0.—Chamber Music (London Reg.).
7.30.—"Acis and Galatea" (Mid.).

WEDNESDAY.—3.30.—Symphony Concert from Bournemouth. 8.0.—B.B.C. Symphony Concert (Nat.).
6.40.—Brass Band Concert (London Reg.).
6.40—Midland Studio Orchestra (Mid.).

THURSDAY.—3.0.—Evensong from Westminster Abbey 8.0.—Reid Orchestral Concert (Nat.).
8.25.—"Pompey the Great" (London Reg.)
8.25.—Military Band Programme (Mid.).

FRIDAY.—7.45.—B.B.C. Orchestra. 9.35.—"Pompey the Great" (Nat.).
7.0.—Vaudeville (London Reg.).
6.40.—"Pink Paint" (Mid.).

SATURDAY.—7.30.—Bransby Williams in "The Incredible Adventures of Rowland Hern." 9.35.—Concert of the North London District of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows (Nat.).
8.20.—Address by the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., "Education in Citizenship" (London Reg.).
7.15.—Popular Celebrity Concert (Mid.).

FOREIGN FEATURES.

BARCELONA (349 metres, 8 kw.).—6.30.—Tenor Song Recital. 7.10.—Orchestral Selections. 7.40.—Song Recital. 8.20.—Dance Music.

BERLIN (418 metres, 1.5 kw.).—1.30.—Recital of Waltzes and Concert of Contemporary Songs. 3.10.—Concert of Light Music. 6.45.—"A Werther Cantata"—Wireless Play (Otto Heinz Jahn). 8.10.—Orchestral and Vocal Concert.

BRUSSELS (508.5 metres, 1 kw.).—6.—Dance Music. 8.15.—Concert. Trio (Gade) Songs (Grieg). Two Pieces for Piano (Grieg). Romance for Violin (Svendsen). Trio Selections (Widor).

BUDAPEST (550 metres, 23 kw.).—3.—Recital of Hungarian Sacred Songs. 4.15.—Orchestral Concert. 6.15.—Violin, Harp, 'Cello, and Vocal Recital.

COPENHAGEN (281 metres, 0.75 kw.) and KALUNDBORG (1,153 metres, 10 kw.).—12 (noon).—English talk: Sir Walter Raleigh. 7.15.—Orchestral Concert. 8.35.—Emil Hornemann Recital. Songs and Piano Solos. 9.55.—Dance Music.

HILVERSUM (298.8 metres, 8.5 kw.).—2.10.—Concert by a Brass Band and Double Male Voice Quartet. 7.55.—Orchestral Concert. 9.15.—Selections from "Faust" (Gounod) and "Mignon" (Thomas).

LANGENBERG (473 metres, 17 kw.) and COLOGNE (227 metres).—3.—Orchestral Concert. 7.10.—"Requiem"—Symphonic Mass. 9.30.—Quartet in C sharp minor Op. 131 (Beethoven).

MILAN (501 metres, 8.5 kw.) (Relayed by Turin—273.2 metres).—6.30.—Orchestral Concert. 7.30.—Musical Programme and Addresses in Memory of the Fallen, relayed from the Castle of Rovereto.

OSLO (1,071 metres, 75 kw.).—7.—Orchestral Concert. 9.5.—"Requiem"—Oratorio (Haydn), followed by Dance Music.

PARIS (1,725 metres, 17 kw.).—5.30.—Concert from Sarah Bernhardt Theatre. Selections for Soloists, Choir and Orchestra: Fragments from "Requiem" (Mozart). The Ninth Symphony (Beethoven). 8.45.—Concert.

STOCKHOLM (436 metres, 75 kw.) and MOTALA (1,348 metres, 40 kw.).—6.15.—German Song Recital. 6.45.—"Johan Ulfstjerna"—A Play (Hedberg). 9.—Light Music.

TOULOUSE (385 metres, 8 kw.).—6.15.—Vocal Recital of Tangos. 7.45.—Orchestral Selections. 8.—Viennese Orchestra. 8.30.—Military Band Music, followed by Violin Solos. 9.—Operetta Music. 10.30—Symphony Orchestra. 11.—Dance Music.

VIENNA (516.3 metres, 20 kw.).—2.5.—Orchestral Concert. 4.30.—Chamber Music. 6.40.—Orchestral Concert. 7.30.—Aria and Song Recital. 8.15.—Cantata and Magnificat in D major for Soloists, Choir, and Orchestra (Bach).

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THE DRAMATIC WORLD.

A CASE FOR PODSNAP

By JAMES AGATE.

Stage Society. Monday Afternoon, Oct. 27.

"CHERI."

Adapted from the French of Colette and Léopold Marchand by Una Lady Troubridge.

Why, in these advanced days, go on pretending that drama is a battle between platoons of good and cohorts of evil, with the lesser army snatching desperate victory at a quarter past eleven? Even Montagne, when faced with some play of sexual promiscuity, had to deny the possibility of drama in a farmyard. But here, surely, an almost faultlessly perceptive critic was blinded by an exaggerated moral sense. That one should take offence at horse-racing or card-playing is no proof that a neck-and-neck finish must be unexciting or that Contract calls for no skill. To say that you would not "go near it with a pitchfork" does not mean that, chemically considered, the dunghess is not a mass of furious activity. English taste may very well hold that no farmyard simile can be too good to fit the matter of "Chéri." But Colette is a realist, and the question is not whether we should call on Léa and her Chéri if they came to live next door, but whether they interest us. I submit that they do, unless, like Podsnap, we are prepared to exclude whole continents from our field of interest.

A Definitely Unpleasant Play.

The reader being prepared, let me say that Charlotte Peloux is a thrifty courtesan who has amassed sufficient money to retire from her profession and launch her son, Fred, otherwise known as Chéri, into the world of Parisian gallantry as a gigolo. But she has left the mothering of her offspring to one Léa de Lonval, who at the appropriate moment abandons the rôle of foster-mother for that of mistress. By this time forty winters have besieged Léa's brow, and dug such trenches in her beauty's field that the boy's continued faithfulness is doubtful. Wholly surfeited with scenes of jealousy atoned for by exorbitant cajoleries, Fred allows himself to be given in marriage to Edmée, a blameless young woman. The end of the first act sees Léa in low spirits and high dudgeon packing Chéri off and making valiant declaration as to the number of good fish left in the amatory sea. She herself contemplates Spain, Granada, and other conquests. Let us note that Léa's suffering at this point is exactly that of the Marschallin in "Rosenkavalier," and that the change of *milieu* from the graceful to the disgraceful in no way affects the reality of that suffering. The second act shows the young man and his bride returning from their honeymoon. Fred is completely disillusioned with blanched simplicity. He misses the delights and torments of his former life, and hankers after that mania for mothering with which Léa is filled as surely as though she were some nightmare projection of a staider playwright. Wendy and Léa wear their rue with a difference. But it is the same rue, and the difference admirably illustrates the disparity between Gaelic and Gallic temper. The act ends with the newly married couple indulging in a miserable and humiliating quarrel, which ends in Fred rushing off to Léa's.

The next morning, with which the third act begins, shows Léa once more in re-possession of the truant. Her triumph is complete until she unguardedly alludes to Edmée's lack of charm. Now follows a scene wholly repugnant to any playgoers who hold that weak-knee'd Paris gigolos should resemble our inexpressive Rugby full-backs. For it now appears that Fred has hitherto regarded Léa as a kind of sublimated nurse. Léa, perceiving that she has declined from her mothering heights, sets herself to some redemption climbing. The scramble is a long one, and while it is being accomplished the young man lies prone in the attitude in which, had Fred been English, he would have been scoring a try. In the end Fred goes back to his helpmeet, while Léa, drawn and haggard, accepts the wages of self-immolation. But we feel that the following day will see her at the railway-station, and that Fate is preparing a peculiarly expensive knock for some over-strung grandee.

True to Life?

Let it be said at once that there is nothing edifying about this piece, that it is not even invigorating, and that the senses are not braced as after a cold douche of spirituality since in such a piece there is nothing to be spiritual about. Is it true?—is the only question one need ask. And, as far as I may give my opinion, I will say that it is. I will go further and say that for those who believe that no work of art is complete without a moral this piece is one long morality.

Those who live by the sword must be prepared to perish by the sword. "Chéri" shows what happens to the sensualist who lives by sensuality alone, and the play may therefore be regarded as an exhibition of sword-swallowing wholly discouraging. I shall sum the matter up by inviting readers to find for themselves the answers to three questions. In Valérie Marneffe Balzac created a woman viler than Léa. Does that creation render "La Cousine Bette" unreadable? Mr. Kipling made the Devil whisper: "It's pretty, but is it art?" This play is a work of art, provided I am correct in believing that its values have not been falsified. Does it matter that those values are not pretty? The memory of Mrs. Grundy still holds. Would the panjandrums of our Stage Society have done better to imitate the procedure of Silas Wegg "and, in the presence of Mrs. Boffin, agree to drop it"?

The play was seen through a cloud of poor production and worse acting. I except from this Miss Mary Clare, whose Léa added one more magnificent portrait to her superb gallery. As Fred Mr. Hubert Langley, when prone, gave a display recognisably excellent to anybody familiar with French *jeunes premiers* in affliction. Alas, that when he was on his feet Chéri had not the charm which passeth masculine understanding!

Old Vic. Thursday Afternoon, October 30.

"THE JEALOUS WIFE."

Revival of George Colman's Comedy.

"First it was gold, and then it was beans!" chanted some pantomime Jack of long ago. To which Mr. George Robey, as that Hesperidean hero's mother, continually retorted: "But what is it now?" That is exactly the question which it is least wise to ask of any old play not of the first order. Not what it is now, but what it was then, must be the question. At the time of this play's production in 1761 English comedy had become a desert. Farquhar, whose "Beaux' Stratagem" was the last of the Restoration comedies, had died in 1707, and Goldmith's "The Good-Natured Man" and Sheridan's "The Rivals" were not to appear before 1768 and 1775 respectively. By 1730 the dramatic activities of Mrs. Centlivre, Cibber, and Fielding had come to an end, and the next thirty years showed a dearth not of good comedy only, but of comedy good, bad, and indifferent. From 1743 to 1748 only seven new comedies of any kind were produced at Covent Garden or Drury Lane, while from 1748 till 1760 not one single new full-length comedy was produced at either of the main theatres. What wonder then if, when the silence was at last broken, "The Jealous Wife" took by storm audiences starving for a new play and a new playwright! Now, to look on at a play as present entertainment, and at the same time to consider it in its historical perspective, is not easy. One admits that Colman had not an original mind and that his comedies came from no new mint. But I suggest that it is fair to credit them with possessing glitter in their day.

How did Garrick play Oakly? One thinks that he must have invested this figure with some shrewd, puckered, apple-john quality, some personal idiosyncrasy kin to that which King bestowed upon Ogleby in the same playwright's "Clandestine Marriage," and of the sort which was again brought into play when Mr. O. B. Clarence acted the part some time ago. Mr. George Howe, though playing carefully, is somehow not the actor indicated here. Miss Elsa Palmer has a tedious job of it as Mrs. Oakly, and if Mrs. Pritchard was witty as that termagant one can only say that the portraitists have belied her. The best part is that of Lord Trinket, who spouts nearly as much unnecessary French as Dryden's Melantha, thus proving that shooting folly as it flies does not necessarily mean hitting it. Mr. Gielgud must be weary of praise, and so one passes on to the Lady Freelove of Miss Dorothy Green, to applaud whom I shall await some occasion upon which this fine actress has not to break a butterfly on the wheel of her terrific intelligence. As the lover Mr. Leslie French provides a charming presence and an agreeable accent, though both are exactly one hundred and sixty-nine years ahead of time; as the beloved Miss Joan Harben strives against insipidity with moderate success; in Munden's old part of Sir Harry Beagle Mr. Ralph Richardson adumbrates some forbear of Mr. Jay Laurier; while as Captain O'Cutter Mr. Peter Taylor-Smith does reasonably.

To put on this old play is a spirited enterprise, proving once more the complete unlikelihood of this theatre ever degenerating into a Shakespearean mausoleum. . . . The groove of Shakespearean acting may easily become a rut, and it is an admirable thing that these young players should alternate Elizabethan Hengist with Georgian Horsa. The public, too, should welcome this revival, for I cannot think how anybody with one, two, or three hours to spare could spend them more rewardingly.

Ambassadors. Monday, October 27.

"THE GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED."

Revival of H. M. Harwood's Comedy.

How can one praise this revival better than by saying that the play is amusing and exciting enough to withstand almost without damage one of the most flagrant pieces of miscasting of our time? It will be remembered that the piece is all about an honest Labour politician who, in the intervals of political labouring, concocts a food called Pongo which he sells to multitudinous infants by means of multiple advertising. If there is one thing which Jerry Weston must not possess it is personal charm. At the play's first production Mr. Norman McKinnel purposely and trebly underlined this lack, so much so that when Marjorie confessed her war-time peccadillo one felt that "poleaxed" was the only word to describe what had happened to the blundering Colossus.

Now into this grim part has bounced with maximum liveliness, intrepidity, and grace, the ever charming figure of Mr. Nicholas Hannen. This actor is the mirror of likeableness and the dead-spit of polish, and his gruffest assumptions, which are not very gruff, can never be as rude as one lift of Mr. McKinnel's eyebrow. That actor was the embodiment of Pongo; we feel that Mr. Hannen could not contemplate, let alone manufacture, the dreary stuff; the floors he has trodden from birth are obviously those of drawing-rooms and not factories. The first Jerry Weston was a pathetic mountain of a man who could not have got him another wife; Mr. Hannen is a dapper ornament to the countryside after whom all the ladies in the land can be relied upon to come skipping like the hills. All this is not to say that Mr. Hannen is not a fine and sensitive player. He is. But he is also, in Joxer Daly's phrase, "a darlin' man," and one who cannot be otherwise, whereas what is wanted is the dour antithesis. Miss Mabel Terry Lewis and Messieurs Stafford, Hilliard, H. G. Stoker, and Fewlass Llewellyn repeat their old successes, while Mr. A. Bromley-Davenport follows Mr. Fred Kerr in his own way and with a felicity marred only by a delivery a shade too diffident. A very good evening and a delighted house.

Prince Edward. Thursday, October 30.

"NIPPY."

A Musical Comedy. By Arthur Wimperis and Austin Melford. Music by Billy Mayerl.

This inspired entertainment has much in its favour. It is put together by Mr. Julian Wylie, it has a witty book, it gives frequent occasion for Miss Binnie Hale to dance, it introduces in Mr. Arthur Riscoe a comedian who can make himself heard throughout the house, and last and not least, the show is over in good time. The first half is faintly somniferous, the second is undeniably a "wow." One might deem a story about a shop-girl who turns film-star to be ungrateful considered as material for pure comedy. Blessed are those, however, who have conceived the rich idea of using the notion as a basis for musical comedy. The first part almost ends with Miss Hale sobbing upon the shoulders of her recalcitrant lover's sire. Recovering from this strange interlude the now composed young lady with a rapid and dexterous toe bruises some tea-trays which two-score Nippies have considerately elevated above their heads. The rest of the piece is a blaze of absurdity in which Mr. Clifford Mollison frequently reminds us that, like Mr. Courtneidge, he was an actor once. But Miss Hale is the life and soul of the piece, her only competitors being the members of the Debroy Somers Band. I hope Mr. Billy Mayerl will not take offence at "cheery" as expressing my view of his tunes, a fair proportion of which seem to me to be tuneful while all confess undoubted cheer.

WITH THE AMATEURS.

At the Rudolf Steiner Hall during the past week a series of performances of the elder George Colman's comedy "The Jealous Wife" has been given. The play was first produced in 1761, when the part of Oakly was taken by Garrick. The distinguished company associated with the present production included the Hon. Diana Darling, whose ability was apparent in the clever handling of her part as Mrs. Oakly, the jealous wife. As the victimised husband and his sophisticated bachelor brother, Mr. Buckley and Mr. Micklethwait were excellent. Miss Hobart as the scheming Lady Freelove, Miss Henn-Collins as the mischievous Harriot, and Mr. Rooney as Captain O'Cutter were others of a very fine cast.

A number of charities are to benefit by the proceeds. G. P.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

THIS WEEK'S PREMIERES.

Nov. 3.—Players: "Gone to Earth."
Nov. 4.—Duchess: "An Object of Virtue."
Nov. 5.—Everyman: "Masks and Faces."
Nov. 6.—Arts: "Machines."
Nov. 7.—Savoy: "The Only Way."
Nov. 8.—Lyceum: "The House of Danger."
Nov. 9.—Strand: "A Murder Has Been Arranged" (Repertory Players).

Mr. Rudolf Besier, author of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," and Sir Barry Jackson, its producer, have written to Colonel H. P. Moulton-Barrett, the present head of the Moulton-Barrett family, as follows: "It was not our intention to contribute any public statement to the discussion regarding the play after its production at Malvern. In view, however, of the criticisms that have appeared in the Press we wish to record to you that neither when writing the play nor in its production had we any wish or intention of presenting the late Edward Moulton-Barrett as a man with incestuous impulses. We much regret that the play should have been erroneously interpreted as having any such suggestion, for which there is no foundation whatever. 'The Barretts of Wimpole Street' makes no pretensions of being a strict historical document entirely founded upon history."

The Arts Theatre Club is giving an ambitious production in "Machines," the new Reginald Berkeley play which will be presented on Thursday. The theme is the struggle of a Labour leader, in his attempt to secure for the workers equality of representation in the control of industry, with the machines of modern life—the machine of the Press, of politics, of the law, of public opinion, to say nothing of the machines of industry. Mr. Edmund Willard will have the part of Mansell, the Labour leader; Mr. George Zucco will be a Conservative M.P.; and Miss Marie Ney will be his daughter, who plays an important part in Mansell's advance from shop steward to M.P. Mr. Brember Wills plays the owner of the factory where Mansell works; Mr. Frank Cochrane is Lord Bouverie, a newspaper proprietor; Mr. J. Leslie Frith, the editor of his paper; and Mr. Roland Culver, the managing editor. Miss Cherry Hardy is Mansell's wife.

An unusually good company will be seen in "An Object of Virtue," Mr. Edward Percy's adaptation of "Le Gendre de M. Poirier," with which the Duchess Theatre reopens on Tuesday. Miss Jean Forbes-Robertson plays the Marquise de Presles (Antoinette); Mr. Brian Aherne will be the Marquis de Presles (Gaston); Mr. O. V. France is M. Poirier; Mr. Horace Hodges is M. Verdelet; and Mr. Oswald Dale Roberts, Salomon; and others in the cast are Mr. George Curzon, Mr. Wellington Briggs, Mr. Herbert Lugg, Mr. Robert Farquharson, Mr. William Pringle, Mr. Edmund Tottenham, and Miss Margaret Vines

The Swanage Repertory Theatre opens its first London season at the Players' Theatre to-morrow with "Gone to Earth." Miss Beatrix Lehmann (remembered for a fine performance in "The Silver Tassie") plays Hazel Woodus; the minister whom she marries will be played by Mr. Cecil Trouncer; and Mr. Alan Stevenson is the young squire by whom she is attracted.

Mr. Matheson Lang, who is at present on tour with "Jew Süss," has secured the rights of "General Crack," a costume play based on the novel by George Preedy, and will produce it for a try-out in the provinces in the Spring before bringing it to the West End.

Miss Evelyn Laye, after a strenuous four days' rehearsing, will join the cast of "Bitter Sweet" at His Majesty's to-morrow night. Miss Peggy Wood has gone to Madeira for a holiday, and will remain there until her health is restored.

The Repertory Players' production of "A Murder Has Been Arranged" next Sunday will take place at the Strand, and not at the Savoy, as at first announced. Mr. Henry Kendall and Miss Margaretta Scott play the leading parts; and the author (Mr. Emlyn Williams) is also the producer.

Sir Nigel Playfair will transfer Dryden's "Marriage a la Mode" to the Royalty Theatre to-morrow week. On the following Wednesday he will present at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, Mr. Arthur Symons's version of "The Toy Cart," a famous Indian classic by Sudraka, first performed in A.D 122. This play will be produced by Franklin Dyall for Sir Nigel Playfair, and he and Miss Madeleine Carroll (who appears by permission of the film producer, Mr. Reginald Fogwell, with whom she has a contract) will play the two principal parts.

Miss Beatrix Thomson will be seen in her adaptation of Ouida's "Two Little Wooden Shoes" at Croydon to-morrow. She will herself play the lead, and will be supported by Messrs. Ralph Truman, H. R. Hignett, George Elton and George de Warfaz (who produces), Miss May Agate, and Miss Margaret Halstan.

I hear that the Fortune Theatre is likely to be the scene of the People's Theatre. Negotiations for the lease are in progress, and it is hoped to open there during the last week in November. Fifteen thousand members have now enrolled, and it only remains to get 5,000 more before the scheme can be put into full operation. Sir Alan Cobham, one of the founder members, has offered every subscriber who enrols one hundred or more members before the 20th inst. a flight under his own supervision.

Miss Iris Hoey will play the lead in "The Man Who Kissed His Wife," by Donald Buckley, which B. and S. Comedies will present at the Prince of Wales' Theatre to-morrow week (after an opening week at Southsea). Mr. Felix Aylmer, who produces, will have the principal male part, and the cast will also include Miss Helen Ferrers, Miss Renee Gadd, Miss Diana Beaumont, Miss Margaret Damer, Miss Margaret Harrison, Mr. Denys Blakelock, Mr. A. Scott-Gatty, and Mr. George Barraud. D. P.

FILM NOTES.

"HELL'S ANGELS."

By SYDNEY W. CARROLL.

We have had on the screen many fine air spectacles, but never a more striking one than "Hell's Angels," now to be seen at the London Pavilion. The picture might more appropriately be called "Heaven's Devils," for it is concerned with the private and public movements of active young gentlemen who drop bombs during the war from the sky. The chief star performer is a Zeppelin whose sinister grace and diabolic beauty has not been equalled even by Greta Garbo. This latest of film vamps comes to a fittingly bad end, and her finish provides the most picturesque and flaming punishment ever awarded to villainy on or off the screen. She makes all her exits and entrances with dramatic intensity, sails menacingly in and out of clouds, sometimes betraying only her nose, like some serpent gazing through leaves, at others languorously gliding over the sea in the moonlight, ultimately hanging over London in awesome splendour and dropping her deadly cargo with magnificent futility into the waters of the Thames.

It is difficult to believe that any German officer, although educated at Oxford, would so far forget his military obligations as to commit such an act of treachery and disloyalty, purposely releasing bombs upon spots where they could do no harm.

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The production is said (and I can well believe it) to have cost nearly a million pounds of money and seven aviators' lives. Mr. Howard Hughes, who is responsible for the production, started on it four years ago. He had the determination to surpass all other moving pictures dealing with aerial warfare, and within the limits of the air he has succeeded handsomely. The moment, however, his characters attempt to walk on terra firma they become incredibly sentimental and unhuman. They are actuated by motives either of abject pusillanimity or of monstrous self-sacrifice.

So long as the air drama confines itself to the clouds it takes on the dignity and force of an epic. When it attempts to concern itself with human passions and sensibilities it degenerates into the ludicrous and occasionally reaches moments when audiences may be tempted to guy it. The very attractive "frail" of the story exhibits as much of herself in the nude as an Hawaiian belle. Her allurements transferred from brother to brother are provocative chiefly of ribald laughter. The best part of the narrative is its sincerely and correctly tragic finish. A nobly melodramatic touch this, very ably arranged. The dare-devil thrilling exploits of all the air pilots engaged, covering the bombing of a German ammunition dump, swift, furious, deadly combats in the air, the amazingly skilful and effective photography the general impressiveness of the picture make it quite the most notable contribution to the talking film that has as yet been made.

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If you want a really good laugh you will find Eddie Cantor in "Whoopee" irresistible. Here is surely the sprucest, liveliest, and driest of Hebrew comedians that ever represented misery on the screen. His antics as a hypochondriacal egoist are excruciatingly comic. I am not sure about the good taste of many of the scenes, particularly one in which he discusses and examines the scars and wounds of a gentleman similarly afflicted, but of its laughable quality there cannot be any doubt. Cantor's frolics are supported by some very funny dialogue and absurdly amusing situations. His comedy scenes are alternated with picturesque evolutions by Ziegfeld Folly beauties. Some beautiful stage effects in colour are realised by two troupes of very elegant if scantily-clad chorus ladies. But the film is really Eddie Cantor.

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At the Plaza we have a change of programme. Romantic picturesque melodrama of the old-fashioned type comes back again in "The Bad Man," once made famous in London with the aid of Mr. Lewis Waller. This is one of those richly entertaining stories in which justice is dispensed and the law overridden to beneficial ends à la Robin Hood by the chief villain. "The Bad Man" takes us to Mexico with the usual racing and chasing amongst the mountains, and proves himself a true hero in spite of being a brigand, a cut-throat, and a deadly unscrupulous shot with a revolver. The leading part is taken by Walter Huston, who gives a really remarkable show of it. I found the performance of Mr. O. P. Heggie as the invalid uncle not only tiresome but irritating in its over-forced humours, but Dorothy Revier is very charming, and James Rennie, as one of the villains, very natural. In spite of indifferent direction by Mr. Clarence Badger, who, to my mind, allows far too much farce to obtrude itself into the story, "The Bad Man" is a rattling entertainment of its kind, and well worth a visit.

THEATRES.

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"Q" THEATRE, Kew Bridge. Chiswick 2920. Evgs., at 8.15. Mats., Wed. and Thurs., 2.30. LENTON MURRAY presents, on Nov. 10th, new and original play, "THE GREAT SILENCE." By PERCIVAL SYKES.

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ROYALTY.—"The Quaker," by Mary L. Pendered. First London Production. ONE PERFORMANCE, MONDAY, NOV. 10, at 2.30. Usual prices. Tickets from Leverton, 1, Montague Street, W.C.1, or at theatre

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SAVOY. 8.30. Mat., Wed., 2.30. Tem. B. 8888. Prop., Savoy Th., Ltd. Lsrs., Exc. of H. B. Irving. Lessees, C. Egerton Killick and Victor Payne-Jennings. MARTIN HARVEY LAST 4 PERFORMANCES of THE LYONS MAIL. Edmund Gwenn, Chas. Carson, Fisher White, N. de Silva. FRIDAY, Nov. 7th, 8.20, THE ONLY WAY.

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STRAND. Tem. Bar 2660. Proprietor, Kyrle Bellew. Evgs., 8.30; Mats., Thurs. and Sat., 2.30. (Smoking.) "IT'S A BOY." A New Farce. LESLIE HENSON, Connie Ediss, Austin Melford, SYDNEY HOWARD.

VAUDEVILLE. Evenings, 8.45. Mon., Sat., 2.45. THE BREADWINNER. By W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM. RONALD SQUIRE. MARIE LOHR.

VICTORIA PALACE. (Vic. 5282.) 8.15. Wed., Sat., 2.30. VICTORIA VANITIES, with CHARLES AUSTIN.

WHITEHALL THEATRE, Whitehall, S.W.1. Reg. 3148. Evgs., 8.30. Mats., Mon. and Thurs., 2.30. THE WAY TO TREAT A WOMAN By Walter Hackett. MARION LORNE. BERTRAM WALLIS. CATHLEEN NESBITT. NIGEL BRUCE. ALL SEATS BOOKABLE, 3s. 6d. to 12s. Smoking.

WIMBLEDON (5151). At 7.45 NINE TILL SIX. Matinée, Thursday, 2.30. Prices, 6d. to 5s. 9d.

WINTER GARDEN. Holborn 8881. Evgs., 8.10. Mats., Tues. and Sat., 2.30. FOLLOW A STAR. Book by Douglas Furber and Dion Titheradge. Music by Vivian Ellis. SOPHIE TUCKER. A. W. BASCOMB. ALFRED DRAYTON. JACK HULBERT. Box-office open 10-10. Smoking and Garage.

WYNDHAM'S. Lessee, Leon M. Lion. (Tem. Bar 3028.) Evgs., 8.30. Mats., Wed., Sat., 2.30. "ON THE SPOT." By EDGAR WALLACE. CHARLES LAUGHTON. JANET MEGREW. W. CRONIN WILSON. BEN WELDEN. EMLYN WILLIAMS. DENNIS WYNDHAM. JOHN GORDON. GILLIAN LIND.

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NEW GALLERY. Gerr. 6-11. Tom Walls, Yvonne Arnaud in "ON APPROVAL"; 6.40 and 9.15. Also "Call of the West" (Dorothy Revier and Matt Moore). British Movietone News, etc.

NEW VICTORIA. (Vic. 2544.) Con., 6-11. (Doors 5 p.m.) Constance Bennett and Lew Ayres in "Common Clay"; 6.46 & 9.29. Also Movietone News, Comedy Feature, Mickey Mouse. Band—H.M. Welsh Guards.

PLAZA.—"The Bad Man," Mighty Mexican Romantic Thriller! with Walter Huston, Dorothy Revier, O. P Heggie All-Tlkg. Preceded by Dorothy Mackaill, Noah Beery in "Bright Lights." All Technicolour with music! Tlkg. To-night, 6 o'c., 8.30. Open 5.30. Reg. 7201.

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STOLL, Kingsway.—To-night (Sun). from 6 p.m. All-Talking Romance, "CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD," with LAURA LA PLANTE and JOHN BOLES; Talkie Comedies. To-mor., BUSTER KEATON in "Free and Easy," etc.

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PALLADIUM. NEXT SUNDAY, at 3.15. SPECIAL RECITAL. MARIE HALL. OLIVE GOFF, Soprano. GERALD MOORE, Pianist. Programme will include "KREUTZER" SONATA........BEETHOVEN. Reserved seats, 1s. 3d. to 8s. 6d. Bookable in advance at Palladium and at N.S.L. Offices, 34, Red Lion Square, High Holborn, W.C.1.

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QUEEN'S HALL. (Sole Lessees: Chappell and Co., Ltd.) MONDAY, NOV. 10, at 8.15. LIONEL POWELL presents LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Suite Hary Janos .... Kodaly. Concerto Grosso in A minor .... Vivaldi. Siegfried Idyll .... Wagner. Sinfonietta (1st performance in England) .. Wagenaar. Recitative and Air: Jehovah, hear, oh! hear me; My heart is sore within me (From the "Mount of Olives.") ... Beethoven. Neue Liebe; Schlafendes Jesuskind; Wo find'ich Trost ... Hugo Wolf. JOHN McCORMACK. CONDUCTOR—MENGELBERG. STEINWAY PIANO. Tickets: 17s., 14s., 12s., 8s. 6d., 5s. 9d., 4s. 9d., at the Box-office, Queen's Hall, usual Agents, and at CHAPPELL'S BOX-OFFICE, 50, New Bond St., W.1. No Booking Fee.

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WIGMORE HALL.—THURSDAY NEXT, 8.15. MAY HARRISON. Programme will include FIRST PERFORMANCE of SONATA No. 3 by DELIUS, with ARNOLD BAX. At the Piano—ELLA IVIMEY. Bosendorfer Piano. Tickets, 12s., 8s. 6d., 5s. 9d., 3s. Imperial Concert Agency, 175, Piccadilly, W.1.

WIGMORE HALL.—Wed., 5th Nov., at 3 p.m. NEGRO SPIRITUALS. First appearance in London of Basil Rodgers, assisted by Bruce Wendell. Tickets, 8s. 6d., 5s. 9d., and 3s. 6d., at the Box-office.

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THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

POWER OF THE LEGEND.

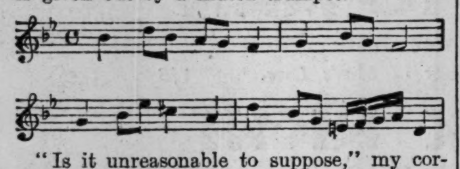
By ERNEST NEWMAN.

Great is the power of a legend over the human mind! No wonder that a great deal of what passes for musical history or biography is the mere fairy tale it is, when we consider how the grown-up children who read these hallowed romances love fairy tales. The Richter-Wagner fairy tales have been so long accepted as gospel in this innocent country that it was perhaps too much to expect that my demonstration, last week, that Richter was called in simply as Wagner's copyist for the "Meistersinger"—not, as the legend runs, to "score it from Wagner's sketches"—and that the tuba shake in the overture was there years before Richter came on the scene, would be swallowed at one gulp. My indomitable correspondent returns to the charge. "If in the original score as played in 1862 it [the tuba shake] was there," he now writes me, "this disposes of any question of Richter's inserting it. But if it was in a *later* edition might not Wagner himself have put it in afterwards, or might not R. have suggested it, though W. would be the last person to give him credit for it?" Really, really! We are asked to suppose the most improbable things merely to save the face of a legend.

Let me point out once more that when Richter came to Wagner in 1866 he was a fledgling of twenty-three whose position in the world of music was that of horn player in an orchestra. Is it a priori in the least likely that Wagner would have entrusted the scoring of a single bar of his great work to this utterly unknown young man? Richter's job in the Wagner household for the fifteen months or so that he remained there was that of copyist and proof reader, and nothing more. There is abundant evidence to this effect in Wagner's letters: if the people who still believe in the legend of Richter having "scored the 'Meistersinger' from Wagner's sketches" have a grain of evidence in support of it, they would oblige us all by producing it. Meanwhile I can throw a little more light on the tuba matter. I cannot now understand why, when I was writing my article last week, I omitted to consult the photographic reproduction of the "Meistersinger" manuscript score that was at my very elbow. I have now done so, and, as I expected, find the shake there—in the manuscript from which Wagner conducted the performance of the overture that was given four years before he had heard of Richter's existence. The script and the inking show conclusively that the shakes in the tuba, bassoons, 'cellos, and basses in this bar are contemporary with the rest of the page.

"THE TOY TRUMPET PASSAGE."

My esteemed correspondent now brings up another of these Wagner-Richter legends. Soon after the commencement of the fifth scene of the last act of the opera—following on the Cobblers' chorus—there is a brief orchestral passage in which this perky tune is given out by a muted trumpet.



"Is it unreasonable to suppose," my correspondent says "that W. consulted R., who said that it would 'sound like a toy trumpet'—exactly what Wagner wanted, of course, but he *might* have asked an expert." Once more, all I can ejaculate is, Really! We are seriously asked to believe, by the sponsors of this ancient Richter legend, that Wagner, who had been an opera conductor in almost daily practice at Dresden for six years, had since conducted also a number of other orchestras, and had already scored, in addition to his early works, the marvellous "Tristan," the "Rhinegold," and the "Valkyrie," was still such a fumbling amateur in orchestral timbres that he could not be sure of what any first-year student of orchestration could have told him—that a tune of this sort, played with exaggerated force (according to the directions in the score) on a muted trumpet *would* sound like a toy trumpet, and that he had to fortify himself with the corroboration of an "expert," the said expert being a young man of twenty-three who happened to have played the horn in a theatre orchestra!

At the risk of being accused of taking too much trouble to slay a palpable absurdity, I cannot refrain from pointing out that from the very beginning Wagner had in his mind a comic, schoolboyish effect of this sort for his simple Nuremberg journeymen on their great day out. In the text of the opera, which was written years before the music of the third act was begun, the stage directions at this point run thus: "The town pipers, lute makers, and *children's instrument makers* come in, playing on their instruments." Clearly Wagner had a "toy trumpet" effect in his mind from the moment he wrote the words of that scene. It is not incredible that on some occasion or other he may have discussed the effect with his copyist; but to suppose that this master of instrumentation was not sure, at the age of fifty-four, what a muted trumpet sounds like, and had to go to Richter or anyone else to be confirmed in his timorous guess, is so wild an absurdity that it could never have obtained the slightest credence except in amateur musical circles.

A PREVALENT MISCONCEPTION.

While I am on this subject let me express the hope that some time in the next fifty years or so the world in general will really come to understand Wagner as a composer. That may seem a bit of an exaggeration, in view of the thousands of volumes that have been written on him. But strange as it may seem, the inmost workings of his musical mind have still been hardly studied, though a splendid beginning has been made by the German writer, Alfred Lorenz. The impression still prevails in academic quarters that Wagner was not really a *composer* in the sense that Brahms, for example, was; the innocent theory of the academics is that Brahms was a great master of "form," while poor Wagner, who, as we have been told by one writer, never had any proper musical "education," merely turned words and actions into music.

I recommend anyone who yet cherishes that illusion to read Lorenz on the "form" of Wagner; he will then discover that Wagner's sense of form could not operate merely for a quarter of an hour, which is about as much as the average symphonic movement lasts, but over a canvas that unrols itself for hours at a time. The same error exists with regard to Hugo Wolf, who also is regarded in academic circles as a man who did no more than "illustrate" the words, whereas Brahms was an incomparable model of "form" in the song.

THE BAFFLED TEACHERS.

The truth is that these two supreme masters of the nineteenth century were so original and varied in their architecture and their craftsmanship that the "teachers of composition" cannot reduce them to rule; consequently they are useless to those engaged in the teaching industry. The teacher can draft out a general scheme upon which all symphonies more or less proceed; he can show his pupil how this or that symphony conforms to the scheme or modifies it; he has, in fact, something he can "teach." But you cannot "teach" anyone to write a Wagner opera or a Wolf song, because with these two men the form is not imposed upon the ideas but is simply the organic outcome of the inner life of the ideas; and as the problem in each of their works is a new one, it receives a solution that is implicit in itself and itself alone, and is therefore incapable of reduction to anything like a rule. Pick up any book on "composition," and find, if you can, any "rules" drawn from Wagner or Wolf. These men are too free, too infinitely resourceful, to be reduced to rule. So they are of no use to the teacher; and having no use for them for his own comical little purposes, he naively assumes that they throw no light on the subject of what he regards as "composition," and actually tells us that Wagner, for instance, "had little training in composition"—leaving the awed reader to infer what masterpieces Wagner *might* have written if only he had had the advantage of being "trained" in this conservatoire or other, by this or that eminent "teacher of composition." Heaven help the world in which these absurdities are possible! No wonder that "musical criticism" is the sorry thing it mostly is.

THE WEEK'S MUSIC

The L.S.O. Concert.

For the L.S.O. concert last Monday I was given a seat practically on top of the orchestra. I am not used to being so close to the machinery when I listen to orchestral music, and on the two or three occasions in my life when I have been compelled to do so I have suffered considerably. I know that, from the box office point of view, it is necessary that these seats shall be occupied; but as there are evidently hundreds of people who do not mind in the least being placed there, while I mind very much, I beg to suggest to whoever has charge of these matters that he shall either let the others have what is evidently a pleasure to them, or, if he cannot give me a seat in a part of the house where the sounds can be properly focussed, to spare me what, I assure him, is for me really considerable pain, by omitting me from the Press list on that particular evening. Under the circumstances I will not attempt to criticise the playing of the orchestra; I will only say that I am quite prepared to believe that, to listeners more favourably placed, the tone was not so invariably rough and noisy as it sounded to me.

Apart from the playing *per se*, as to which, on this occasion, I cannot pretend to be a judge, I doubt whether Mengelberg's reading of the first Beethoven symphony would have given me much pleasure at any distance—except in the finale, which went excellently. I cannot persuade myself that this blunt, rustic way of giving out the rather naïve melodies of this early work of Beethoven's is the ideal one to commend them to us; they start under a bit of a handicap for the sophisticated modern listener, and need all the grace and fire that a conductor can give them. Mengelberg introduced us to a so-called "Gothic Chaconne" by Cornelis Dopper, a countryman of his who also is, or was, his colleague in the leadership of the Amsterdam orchestra. Why the work should be called "Gothic" I could not make out, for the Chaconne, in the course of its tourist wanderings, occasionally got as far as Asia—or at any rate Asia as orchestral composers mostly conceive that continent. There was a good deal of point in some of the more formal variations upon the theme; but its general impression on us was ruined by the weakness of the many moments in which the composer tried to be not only structural but imaginative and coloristic.

Horowitz.

I could only regret that my first introduction to Horowitz was by way of the third Rachmaninov concerto. This has never become popular with the public, who rightly prefer the more lyrical and romantic second concerto. It is the star pianists who love the third, because of its difficulty and its technical brilliance. "From the fingers it came," we may say, parodying a remark of Beethoven's about a work of his; "to (and from) the fingers let it go." It has a few enchanting moments in the genuine Rachmaninov vein; but for the most part it was born not out of the spirit of music but out of the spirit of virtuosity; and in the main it appeals only to what Bach used to call the "clavier hussars." Horowitz certainly rode it in splendid style; as an exhibition of horsemanship the performance was so superb as to make us regret he had not a better animal under him Whenever the concerto allowed of the evocation of the more imaginative delights of piano playing, as well as of the exhibition of mere virtuosity, Horowitz met all possible demands upon him. He is clearly an artist of exceptional quality.

The B.B.C. Concert.

Until he came to Strauss's "Don Juan," of which he gave a glowing performance at the end of Wednesday's concert, Dr. Boult was a little inclined to slow the music down, in order, presumably, to model the phrases to his liking and to show off the orchestra. The procedure was not without its good side, for it enabled the players, especially in the "Hebrides" overture, to achieve some remarkable feats in the way of beauty of tone and grace and unity of style. But at present, as I pointed out last week, they are just a trifle over-inclined to *demonstrate* their fine qualities instead of letting the conviction of them slip into us almost unawares; they have the air at times of spelling out a lovely phrase letter by letter, as it were; we are made over-conscious of the smooth running of the works. When they have got past this stage, and have learned to surrender themselves more to impulse without losing any of their unity and precision, they will make as fine an orchestra as any town or country could wish to have.

The banal B flat minor concerto of Tchaikovski is no longer anything but a joke among musicians, but for pianists, and for us as spectators, it is still the ball in an exciting game. Mr. Arthur Rubinstein played the game most brilliantly, scoring point after point with the most engaging nonchalance.

Elena Gerhardt.

Mme. Gerhardt's programme on Thursday evening was not of itself so interesting as those of her recitals usually are; she began with a group of six songs by Beethoven (who, in general, can be called a song writer only by courtesy, most of his songs merely suggesting that he was one of the composers who lack a wastepaper basket), passed on to seven Schumanns, one or two of which are hardly worthy of his reputation, and then made up for everything with the incomparable Zigeunerlieder of Brahms. I would say that Mme. Gerhardt used the leisurely Beethoven things simply to strop her voice upon were it not that the metaphor might be wrongly taken, by some witling or other, to imply that she sang sharp afterwards—a thing Mme. Gerhardt never does. I do not know which is more depressing, Beethoven pulpiteering in full gaiters and clerical collar in reverse, as in "Die Ehre Gottes in der Natur," or Beethoven gambolling like a skittish elephant, as in "Der Kuss." It was not often that the great man could see a joke, but when one did dawn on him he did all he could to make sure that other people saw it; and as it had taken a long time to penetrate to his own brain, he naturally assumed that other people's brains would be equally slow. So, having by long cogitation convinced himself that when Chloe was kissed she really carried out her preliminary threat to scream, but, as the poem archly says, "long afterwards," he lets us into the very heart of the secret by reiterating the final words in this fashion: "Yes, she screamed, she screamed, but, but long afterwards, but, yes but, but long afterwards; she screamed, long, long, long, long, long, long, long, long, long afterwards, afterwards, yes, long, long afterwards"; after which one almost begins to suspect that the joke is that Chloe did *not* scream immediately. It takes all the art of a Gerhardt to persuade us to humour our dear old Beethoven by pretending that we have not really been let into the thrilling secret until the last note has been sounded.

With the best of the Schumanns, such as the "Schneeglöckchen" and "Der Sandmann," we were in a world agreeably removed from the former primal innocence; and with Mme. Gerhardt in her best voice we had some singing that could not be surpassed for subtlety of accent and shading. In the superb Zigeunerlieder she left us with the feeling that nowhere else on the concert platform to-day can we hope to hear such rhythm as that of Mme. Gerhardt in "Brauner Bursche," or such intimacy of expression as hers in "Lieber Gott" and "Kommt dir manchmal." E. N.

THE GALLERIES

COURTAULD INSTITUTE OF ART.

TRAINING FOR STUDENTS.

By FRANK RUTTER.

Nothing could be more welcome in principle than the proposed establishment of the Courtauld Institute of Art in connection with the University of London. Full details of the scheme have already been published, and it is unnecessary to repeat them here except to say that the general purpose of the Institution is—in the words of Lord Lee of Fareham—"to provide a fully equipped department . . . for the systematic training of students in the history of art, in the science of criticism and *expertise*, and in the higher spheres of museum and gallery administration." The last two clauses are the most important.

Instruction in the history of art is already given in our older and newer universities, and in numerous extension lectures which are accessible to all who take the trouble to make enquiries. A new Chair in the History of Art is to be created in the University of London, and the holder of this professorship will also act as Director of the new Institute. But there are already two professors of art at the University of London, and it is unlikely that the addition of a third will in itself be enough to effect any heightening of our general culture in art matters or improve our present low standard in the matter of museum administration and *expertise*.

Far more hopeful is Lord Lee's reference to the admirable work being done by the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University, and his suggestion that the Courtauld Institute will also have a department where advanced students can be "trained in the work of restoration and preservation of pictures and in the detection of forgeries." For this there is, indeed, a crying need, and the world of connoisseurs would be horror-stricken if it realised the formidable number of masterpieces in public and private collections which either have their bad condition concealed by later overpainting, or else are visibly beginning to disintegrate as the result of inattention and neglect.

LEICESTER GALLERIES.

Recent oils by Mark Gertler and water-colours by Ethelbert White make an interesting combination of exhibitions at the Leicester Galleries. Both painters have reputations for being artists of considerable individuality; they are two of the small number of English painters who have clearly distinguishable styles of their own. Their art is now entering upon a most interesting phase—that of its maturity, for the equipment of each artist includes the results of several years of painting experience and experiment.

Mr. Gertler was something of an infant prodigy. His work attracted attention almost from its first showing, when he was still little more than a student. Since his début, some fifteen or so years ago, his work has gone on steadily developing on individual lines. It has mellowed and grown fuller of content. His colour, once so bright and gaudy—garish even—has taken on richer tones, a more subtle harmony. His desultory flirtations with cubism are over. He is now in full possession of his very real gifts as a painter, able to use them to express his reactions to visual beauty coherently and compellingly, so that others are forced to share to some extent in them with him. He no longer needs to distort in order to arrive at a satisfactory design.

The suggestion of lifelessness and rigidity, noticeable heretofore in some of his figure compositions, is absent from his most recent work. The eye's enjoyment of warm glowing colour, finely modelled forms and bold yet simply planned design is no longer marred by unsatisfactory statements of natural form. His mastery of his craft is now sufficient to allow him to give objects and figures their full importance as such.

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The outstanding characteristic of his work is its suggestion of abundant life. The term "full-blooded" best describes the quality in his painting which, over and above all others, makes itself felt. "Woman Seated at a Table" epitomises this warm and luxuriant aspect of life which is peculiar to Mark Gertler's art. It is a rich-hued composition, in which a still life of fruit and wine, laid out on a table, is seen in combination with the firmly modelled, generously proportioned figure of a young woman in evening dress seated before it. The semi-nude half-length, the flowers, the fruit, the decanter of wine and the glasses, the tapestry of gaudy blooms on the wall-paper background—all combine to make a sumptuous whole.

ETHELBERT WHITE.

Something of the same advance in technique is shown, within the limits of the medium, by Ethelbert White's recent water-colours. His art also is obviously maturing, and in his case, too, the development is indicated by a greater freedom of draughtsmanship and a more direct approach to nature. Mr. White's art has always been a vehicle admirably suited to convey the poetry of rural beauty. The difference between his æsthetic outlook and Mr. Gertler's comes out very strongly in his choice of colour schemes. For whereas Mr. Gertler works always with a palette of warm full colour, Ethelbert White expresses himself in a beautiful *mélange* of cool tones, in which greens predominate.

These latest water-colours evince this artist's growing power to compose his pictures satisfactorily without imposing a too rigid design upon nature. The landscape, seen primarily as a severely formal pattern, is not so much in evidence in his present exhibition as it has been heretofore. The gain is in "mood" and feeling. Something of the poignant beauty of the pastoral scene, something of its spirit and atmosphere, are apt to be lost when pattern-making interferes over-much with its translation into pictorial art.

RECITAL NOTES.

A good many notes that came doubtfully from Zlatko Balokovic's bow at Queen's Hall, on Tuesday, clouded the issues of interpretation. Some of the deeper implications in Tartini's violin sonata in G minor could not but escape expression in the circumstances; and in the D major concerto of Paganini the margin of enjoyment, precariously dependent upon perfection of fiddle technique, was unhappily obliterated. Hellmut Baerwald's work at the piano was firmly, perhaps a little too heavily, handled.

Harold Dahlquist, who gave a recital at Wigmore Hall the same evening, has so much of the right temperament for a singer of *lieder* that it is a thousand pities there is not more fullness and freedom of colour in his voice. The suggestion seems worth making that, if he were to cultivate repose of body while singing, the vocal muscles might respond more normally. James Sherrin accompanied on the piano cleverly but occasionally a little too demonstratively.

Mrs. Sylvia York Bowen, accompanied by Mr. York Bowen, sang songs by Hugo Wolf at Wigmore Hall on Friday as if she thought them all lovely things. So they are; but their loveliness is purposeful and therefore diverse, and it was perhaps natural that the singer's style should suit some better than others. The awe-tinctured serenity of "Auf ein altes Bild" was well suggested; but to take breath between adjectives and the nouns they qualify in "Das Ständchen" was to fracture the lines drawn with such nicety by Wolf. Between two groups of such *lieder* Scriabin's piano sonata, Op. 53, however fluently played by Mr. York Bowen, sounded not much more congruous than a cross-section of a twisted lattice-girder in a herbaceous border. H. F.

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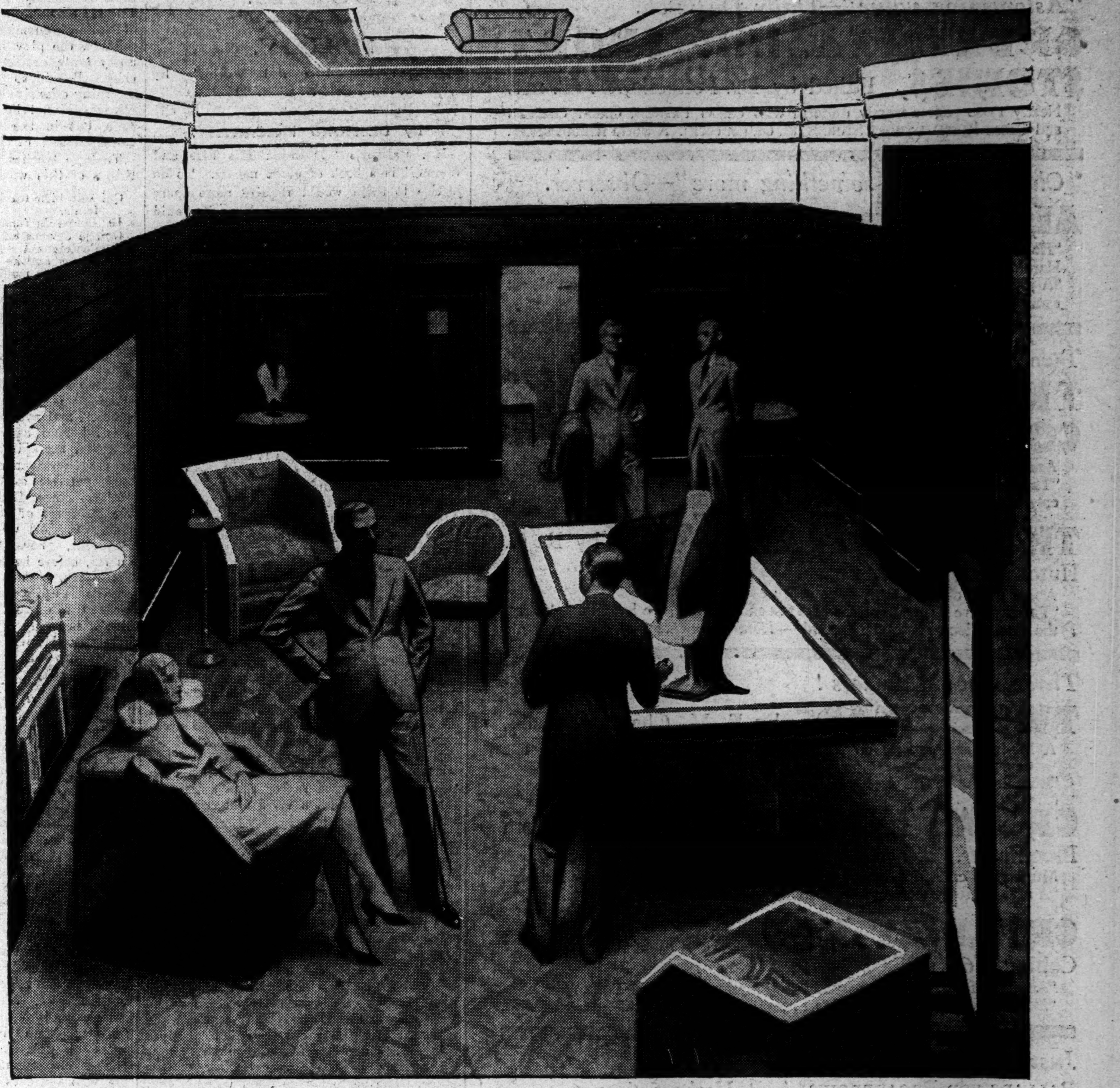

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By DESMOND MacCARTHY.

Mr. Palmer's "Molière: His Life and Works" is a book of great merits. To do justice to them would require more space than is at my disposal; to do so it would be necessary to show where he differed from preceding biographers, and with what good reasons. The life of Molière has for many years now resembled an historic site which has been dug over till the mounds and sifted rubble of excavators have obscured the general outline of the buried building, once easy to see. Mr. Palmer has restored that general view. Yet he has used, as far as I can judge, the most important discoveries which the picks and shovels of such indefatigable researchers as Mr. Gustave Michaud have disclosed. If his book is translated into French (as it ought to be) it will be respected by readers likely to be more instructed and critical than almost any he will meet with in this country. Although he has not written primarily for those who already know how difficult it is to arrive at the truth about certain points in Molière's career, his book will also satisfy them; while the reader who is willing to take facts on trust from a biographer can read him with enjoyment. He never allows discussion of evidence to clog his biography unduly. He keeps an excellent balance between criticism of Molière's plays and portrait painting. His judgment of human nature is sound and acute; his knowledge both of the history of the French stage and of French social history is wide and accurate, and his understanding of Molière's art is beautifully sure. In short, he has written a very good book—and, lest such praise suggest solid rather than delightful merits—let me add, a vivid and entertaining one.

To Delight, Not Teach.

The work of Molière is that of a great comic poet and a great actor. His genius developed slowly and progressively. At the age of 20 his one ambition was to be an actor, and it was not till he was nearing 40 that he thought of himself as a writer. Even then he never ceased to love the art of acting. He played in all his own pieces. He died acting. He wrote with an eye to definite visible and audible effects, and he knew exactly how to produce them. He was the most complete *homme de théâtre* in the whole history of the stage. The performance itself was his end. His wit, wisdom, the finish of his verse and prose were means to that end. Though the "philosophy" of Molière has often been discussed, criticism of life was incidental to his art—the aim of that art being to please, not to teach. Virulently attacked, and with a violent bitterness incomprehensible at this distance of time, he retorted not only by stage pieces (*La Critique de l'Ecole des femmes*), but in prefaces. In these he speaks his mind about comedy, and about himself as a corrector of human folly by laughter. Quotations from these can be so arranged that Molière will appear as a writer with a mission, but this is utterly misleading. Of course, he was aware of the salutary effect on the world of laughter, but such results were not first in his mind as he wrote. He was simply pursuing "that strange trade of making good fellows laugh," and striving to make something that should delight by its form, its grace, its completeness.

This is the central fact about Molière. And it is the great merit of Mr. Palmer's book that he never loses sight of it. He knows that he is writing the life of a man whose genius and destiny made him the supremely complete *homme de théâtre.* That he was also a man of most lovable sensibility and wisdom, a man, too, of many worries and sorrows, and a poet, are properly subordinated in this biography to that description of him.

The Case of "Tartuffe."

One of the most significant passages of criticism in Mr. Palmer's book is consequent upon the comparison of the first version of "Tartuffe," performed before Louis XIV. in 1664, and the final five-act version, which at last, after many delays and struggles, was publicly performed by royal licence on February 9, 1669.

The preface to the published and final edition of the play could never have been written as a preface to the original "Tartuffe." Molière would never have claimed to reform the world if his enemies had not charged him with corrupting it. He had no choice after those attacks but to do so, and in subsequent versions of the play to emphasise the moral issue.

> Molière, not only in the preface, which is a small matter, but in the successive versions of the play itself, was driven to present what was originally a pure comedy of character, written to amuse the public, as a comedy with a definite moral aim. In writing the first version of "Tartuffe" he had not been primarily interested in the moral issue; but, once his attention had been called to that issue, he could claim with justice that, if the public chose to apply the moral test, his comedy triumphantly supported it.

He had originally written "Tartuffe" in the spirit in which he had written his other plays, *pour faire rire les honnêtes gens*, and the principal comic character was Orgon, the gullible, acted by Molière himself. It was not so much the hypocrisy of Tartuffe as the credulity of his dupe that was derided.

> There is every reason to conclude that there was in this first version of the play no unmasking of Tartuffe, no sinister triumph of the impostor, and certainly no intervention of the King as *deus ex machina.*

All these incidents are a later development imposed upon the author when the play, which had begun as a diverting comedy, became, as a result of the controversy, a serious morality. The first version would thus end in a roar of laughter at a dupe persisting in his folly and at an impostor triumphant; a conclusion dispassionate—cynical if you will—but in the comic tradition of which Molière is the master, in the key of "George Dandin" or "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme."

> In the second and third versions Tartuffe is transformed from a purely comic character, designed for our diversion, into a sinister and implacable figure, who finally rouses, even as we laugh, an indignation and abhorrence that carries us beyond the limits of comic detachment;

and Louis XIV.—in return for favour and support—appears as the enemy of fraud, setting all to rights at last, thus completely transforming the original comic design.

Religion and the Comic Spirit.

As Mr. Palmer observes, the development of Tartuffe is an interesting study in the procedure of genius. We can watch Molière adapting his original intentions and modifying them to meet external considerations. It also throws light on the essential nature of Molière's creative impulse, which was towards comedy pure and simple. Mr. Palmer also shrewdly observes that the fire of Molière's enemies was misdirected. They mistook the play for an attack on Christianity masquerading as an attack on hypocrisy. But in so far as the play contained anything offensive to the devout mind, that offence did not lie in the exposure of Tartuffe, but in the satire upon "the other worldliness" of Orgon.

Tartuffe teaches Orgon to despise all the things of this world:—

> Qui suit bien ses leçons goute une paix profonde,
> Et comme du fumier regarde tout le monde.
> Oui, je deviens tout autre avec son entretien;
> Il m'enseigne à n'avoir affection pour rien;
> De toutes amitiés il détache mon âme;
> Et je verrois mourir frère, enfants, mère, et femme,
> Que je m'en soucierois autant que de cela.

If Molière could be said to be an enemy of religion, it is there the quarrel lies between them. That is to say, at the point at which Comedy from its very nature conflicts with transcendental values. Comedy is champion of all "natural goods," and ever tends to take the side of natural man against the excessive claims of either the spiritual or the ultra-civilised or the exorbitantly imaginative man. It is impossible to discover whether or not Molière came directly in his youth under the influence of the epicurean philosopher Gassendi. All we know is that the young Poquelin, hereditary *tapissier ordinaire du roi*, before he turned actor and changed his name, was a friend of one of Gassendi's pupils, and that Chapelle remained his greatest friend through life. But it is really unnecessary to find a pedigree for Molière's point of view; his philosophy was that of the Comic Spirit itself.

Molière's "Ideas."

In him, in any case, the epicurean doctrine that if a man was a spirit he was also indubitably a body, that doctrine with its corollary of moderation, would have been an inevitable faith. Many have tried to extract a philosophy from his works. Such as it is, it lies on the surface. Those who have done so have usually recorded their conclusions with a certain disappointed astonishment, that the "ideas" of so great a writer should have been, after all, so—well, so bourgeois. It is easy enough to know what Molière hated—cocksureness, pendantry, affectation, hypocrisy, egotism, stupidity; but to define what he loved otherwise than as the opposites of these things is harder. We can, however, infer, both from his life and his works, that he valued above all things the free play of intelligence, and the pleasures of gaiety and affection—when an honest clear-sighted man can get them. He who searches for lessons in his plays finds the "Précieuses Ridicules" condensing on his hands into a trite observation that it is a mistake to be affected in speech and sentiment; the "Ecole des Maris" and the "Ecole des Femmes," into a sententious comment that it is a mistake to ignore human nature. From that great masterpiece "Le Misanthrope" what can the analyst deduce but the conclusion that in love sincerity is admirable and coquetry is bad? From "Tartuffe" you may learn, if you do not know it, that hypocrisy also is hateful; and from "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" that it is ridiculous to try to be a swell, and from "Les Femmes Savantes" that pedantry and pretention are silly and noxious. In short, as in the case of every great artist, the final value of his work does not depend upon his ideas.

His Marriage.

There is a certain superficial truth (about as much as in saying that the fate of the Roman Empire in B.C. 30 depended on the length of Cleopatra's nose) in saying that Molière went on the stage because he fell in love with the actress Madeleine Béjart when he was 20, and that the direction of his imagination was determined by his marriage with Armande Béjart, the spoilt child in his troupe, when he was 40. The part played by these two women in his life, his mistress and his wife, and their influence upon his work, is admirably described by Mr. Palmer. In no part of his book are judgment and insight more required or more at the reader's service. Who was Armande Béjart? Was she the daughter or the young sister of Madeleine? Contemporary gossip and tradition says that she was her daughter, and contemporary slander, promptly suppressed by Molière, added that she was probably his own daughter. One of the chief difficulties of his biographers has been that the earliest authorities are partially untrustworthy. Grimarest, who obtained most of his information from Baron, a young actor who was a protegé of Molière, is full of refutable inaccuracies as well as lights upon Molière himself which are too convincing to be ignored. Another "authority" is the anonymous "La Fameuse Comédienne," a book which purports to be a true account of the scandalous life of Armande. This can be shown to be often untrue.

Now both these authors assert that she was Madeleine's daughter On the other hand, there are three legal documents in which Armande appears as her sister. Most French biographers and critics (Donnay and Brunetière among the later ones) brush aside this evidence. It seemed that Madeleine's mother must have been past child-bearing at the date of Armande's birth, till it was discovered that she was at that date six years younger than had been supposed. In short, as Mr. Palmer says, "the literature on the subject constitutes a monument of perverted scholarship." He concludes she was Madeleine's sister. His chapter on Molière's marriage is not only an excellent analysis of all the evidence, but a subtle and sensible though conjectural description of the relations between Molière and his wife, and of that marriage which tormented and inspired him.

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY ITALY.

"Italy After the Renaissance." By Lacy Collinson-Morley. (Routledge. 15s.)

This is a book which recalls the Scotsman's eulogy of the "great chieftain of the pudding race," the haggis, to the effect that there was such a splendid amount of "confused eating" in it. Mr. Lacy Collinson-Morley has provided a great feast of fine, confused reading. There can be no doubt that he knows his subject admirably well, and although the book would have benefited greatly by better arrangement and a less jerky style, it does indubitably bring home to the reader much of the atmosphere, the "feel" of seventeenth century Italy, a state of things almost as interesting as had prevailed in that wonderful epoch, the Renaissance, of which it was the immediate successor—"a life of display and squalor," of brutality and ceremony, of gorgeous clothes and filthy rags under the brilliant southern sun and the blue, blue sky.

JOHN BRIGHT.

"The Diaries of John Bright." With a Foreword by Philip Bright. (Cassell. 25s.)

Reviewed by SIR SIDNEY LOW.

"I am against biographies and portraits and statues." So wrote John Bright some months before he died when a gentleman called upon him who had been engaged "by Cassell and Co., the great publishers," to write his Life. Nevertheless, the biographers, the painters, and the sculptors did not fail to commemorate him. His statue, in his trousers as he lived, is plain for all men to see. The record of his days and doings has been woven together by the deft hands of the most accomplished and persuasive of our living historians, Professor G. M. Trevelyan. And his Speeches, or the best of them, have been collected so that we who read may catch some echo of the majestic rhetoric that held the House of Commons spellbound, and roused great audiences to tumultuous enthusiasm.

Some of his private papers have been in the possession of his descendants since he passed away forty-one years ago. From these a selection has been issued with useful notes and references by Mr. Philip Bright. The papers include the Diaries which Bright kept intermittently during a considerable part of his life, and a Memoir of his youth and early manhood which was written in his old age for the edification of his "dear children." It is a brief and unpretending chronicle which, so far as it goes, gives a pleasant picture of the quiet, comfortable, and quite cheerful Quaker circle, devout but by no means puritanical, in which the future orator of the Radicals passed his boyhood.

An Intelligent Tourist.

His father, a fairly prosperous Rochdale mill-owner, was enlightened enough to complete his son's education by sending him on an eight-months' tour round the Mediterranean, the Balkan countries, and the Near East. Young Bright's Diary conatins an account of this journey. It reveals him as an intelligent and good-tempered tourist, but not much more. He had read Byron's "Childe Harold," and Scott's novels, and some guide-books, but he had no real acquaintance with the history and literatures of the countries visited, and apparently was not much interested in scenery or antiquities. He was in Constantinople during the Plague, and his jejune remarks on that visitation may be compared with the haunting description of the same episode by Kinglake in "Eothen." What chiefly impressed Bright was the evidence of Turkish misrule, and the general poverty and backwardness of countries denied the blessings of a (relatively) free Press, a (comparatively) constitutional government, and a flourishing manufacturing industry.

The Memoir ends with this foreign tour, and the continuous series of Diaries does not begin till 1849. Consequently we cannot refer to Bright's own words for his experiences and reflections during what, just now, may perhaps be deemed the most important part of his career—the period of the great Free Trade agitation in the country, and its triumph in Parliament. What Bright said and did during those eventful years belong to history; one would like to have a few of his own notes on some of the incidents. But he was too much absorbed in the struggle to write about it.

The Seven Years War.

The "Seven Years War," as he called it, of the Anti-Corn Law League, left John Bright one of the most conspicuous figures in English public life. The victory was followed by an agreeable interlude. He was 35, a national celebrity, a famous orator, and a widower. His first wife had died after a year of wedded happiness. Bright, who was much too affectionate and warm-hearted to live alone, was attracted by Margaret Elizabeth Leatham, the daughter of a Wakefield banker, a charming girl of 24. The courtship by the Lancashire cotton-spinner of this Yorkshire damsel, a "Friend" like himself, makes a pretty story, and reveals the real depth and tenderness of Bright's nature. Some of his gravely passionate letters are good reading:—

> What can I say more? That I have not more to offer thee is in some degree my fault, but perhaps more my misfortune. If I were better as a man, more intelligent, more informed and amiable, had higher position and greater wealth—all I am and have is for thee and offered to thee. Only in one thing can I suppose myself on a level with thee—in the reality of the love I feel. . . . I have told thee all this many times when conversing with thee, and yet I repeat it as if it were new.

His Intensity of Conviction.

He married the lady and lived long and happily with her. She was his faithful and devoted companion in his later crusading years, on which the Diary, resumed after their marriage, throws some light. It shows us John Bright still standing staunchly to the opinions which he had formed in early manhood and did not substantially modify to the end. His strength lay in the intensity of his convictions combined with a certain convenient limitation of intellectual outlook. He could never see more than one side of a question, but on that side he gazed with concentrated passion, and interpreted what he saw with overwhelming fervour. His integrity and unselfish zeal could not be questioned, whether he was asserting the claims of the Northern States in the American Civil War against the slave-holding South, or protesting against the "iniquity," as he deemed it, of any appeal to armed force in international disputes. The Diary becomes fuller and more illuminating when it comes to the Irish Home Rule debates, and Bright's eventual breach with the Gladstonian Liberals. It was a painful crisis which he felt deeply; for he had the highest personal regard for Mr. Gladstone, and all his political connections had been with the Liberal Party. Nothing he did became him better than this bold sundering, in his old age, of lifelong ties and associations when he could no longer conscientiously maintain them.

Bright and Disraeli.

He had his prejudices, and they were strong. He hated Palmerston, whom he regarded as "an aged charlatan," and he disliked Tories, landlords, and the governing "oligarchy." But he was tolerant enough to recognise merit and ability, even outside his own circle. He disapproved professionally of dukes, but rather liked meeting duchesses and other great ladies, provided they were agreeable and good-looking (he had an eye for feminine beauty all his life), at a well-ordered dinner-party. One of the points brought out in the Diaries is his feeling towards Disraeli. The two men, so different in many ways, had a genuine regard for one another. Bright, though he thought Disraeli too much actuated by personal ambition, recognised his courage, his wit, and his intellectual power, and Disraeli respected the Rochdale Radical's sincerity, and admired his superb oratorical talent. When Bright sat down after his famous "Angel of Death" speech on the Crimean War in the House of Commons, Disraeli said to him:—"Bright, I would give all I ever had to have made that speech you made just now." "You might have made it," replied Bright, "if you had been honest." Perhaps John Bright made a little too much parade of his own honesty. But there was nothing unctuous about it, and it was combined with kindliness, geniality, and a considerable sense of humour.

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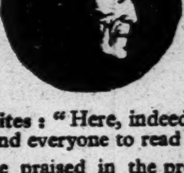
HENRY IRVING  GORDON CRAIG

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Reviewed by LORD MESTON.

When the day arrives on which the marvels of science will enable us to read, as in a mirror, what our neighbours are thinking of us, a new code of social relations will have to be devised for mankind. Its preparation may have to be expedited if books like "An Indian Diary" become frequent; for few of the men (women he leaves alone, except Mrs. Besant) sketched in its pages would have opened their minds to Montagu as they did if they had foreseen this posthumous limelight. There is still something to be said for the old-fashioned convention that diaries are not given to the world until those who figure in them are gone.

Edwin Montagu spent five months of the winter of 1917-18 in India, when Secretary of State for that country, in order to work out with the then Viceroy, Lord Chelmsford, the scheme for a new constitution which now bears their joint names. It was almost the worst period of the Great War. The British administration of India was understaffed and overworked. The officials were labouring under the double strain of maintaining peace in the land and of providing more, and ever more, men and material for the Allied armies. They had no leisure for constitution-making, and little patience with political agitation at such a time.

An Embarrassing Potentate.

Into this scene burst the Secretary of State—an embarrassing potentate at the best—full of every sort of novel scheme for a self-governing India, and to all outward appearance interested in nothing else. In what little time they could spare from their heavy and immediate duties the small group of senior British officials did their best to help him. But they rarely got abreast of him; they seldom understood him; and he on his side, when he dictated his day-by-day impressions of their common labours, fell into the strain of humorous contempt with which a tired hare might be supposed to describe its assistant tortoises.

He was hardly fair to the tortoises. He himself was the most elusive of beings. To work with him was, if the simile may be varied, like playing a game of chess in which each move was the occasion for a new gambit. If you left the board overnight you found next morning that his pawns had been converted into castles and his Queen had changed places with a Bishop.

When Inspiration Came.

Never was there such an outpouring and recasting and scrapping and resurrecting of constitutional devices, tried and untried. "In my bath a new inspiration reached me," he writes on January 11; and they were always reaching him—in his bath, in the howdah on his elephant, when he was playing tennis or missing crocodiles. But the officials on whom he tried his new inspirations were not equally agile. With them constitutional devices translated themselves inexorably into terms of human life. The obstruction and stupidity over which he weeps in his diary were not obstruction or stupidity at all, but a reluctance to swallow some political nostrum without a clear idea of how it would affect the well-being of the millions on whom it might react.

The danger of pillorying such caution as contumacy is that it might provoke reprisals. Several of those who worked with Montagu during those months have records of the discussions which will not tally with his; and, indeed, if his untimely death had not prevented, he would probably have revised some of his own impressions, as he had begun to do before his diary was finished.

A Self Portrait.

As a contribution to India's constitutional history the value of the book is slight. Its handling of the constantly changing schemes and compromises is too allusive to be understood except by the now-dwindling group who actually worked upon them. The real interest of the book lies in its picture of the writer. Passionately devoted to India, Montagu counted it his life's mission to lead her to nationhood, and he was feverishly impatient of delay. With Indians he got on better than with most Englishmen. "Perhaps there is some truth," he writes, "in the allegation that I am an Oriental." He had a craving for friendship; but the ordinary Englishman understood him so imperfectly as rarely to be able to offer him complete friendship.

"I find myself so very lonely," is his repeated cry. His chief solace was in the life of the jungle. There he was intensely happy, for he was a born naturalist, and to a good many readers the most attractive pages in his story will be the vivid pictures of the week-end shoots by which he averted the breakdown in health which he continually feared.

NEW FICTION.

A GLIMPSE AHEAD.

"Last and First Men." By W. Olaf Stapledon. (Methuen. 7s. 6d.)

"Where Will You Fall?" By Leo Perutz. (Mathews and Marrot. 7s. 6d.)

"Peregrine." By B. Dyke Acland. (Hodder and Stoughton. 7s. 6d.)

"Claudine at School." By Colette. (Gollancz. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by RALPH STRAUS.

Mr. Stapledon's very remarkable book conforms not at all to most people's idea of a novel, but it is certainly fiction, and fiction which obeys the first rule for good fiction inasmuch as it reads like the truth. Startling and nightmarish truth, it may be, but no less interesting and provocative on that account. "Last and First Men," indeed, is a short history of mankind from the immediate to-morrow until a day two thousand million years hence, when human life is to finish. It is an ambitious task before which even Mr. Wells himself might well have flinched, but, with the pen of a true historian to help him, Mr. Stapledon brings it to something like a triumphant conclusion.

In this case there is no Time Machine; instead, one of the Eighteenth or Last men magically projects his mental equipment back to our own days, and bids us take warning from his story. It is sufficiently strange. World-states come and go like the leaves of a tree; new civilisations rise up only to vanish; races of artificial men reach up to unimaginable heights and yet perish. The Martians invade us, and Mr. Stapledon's Martians are like none other in the books. A sub-atomic explosion brings in its trail a ruined world; the moon is disintegrated; and our distant descendants are forced to seek refuge in Venus.

It says much for Mr. Stapledon's imagination and skill in presentation that we can accept even his most bizarre suggestions without a smile of derision. Time and again it seems that he must fail, and yet always there comes a new and brilliant and audacious idea to sustain our interest and admiration. There are people, I know, who cannot read this kind of book with any pleasure at all, and Mr. Stapledon's book will probably do little to change their views; but those who care for new and romantic explorations will revel in this majestic and pitiless and multi-coloured picture. It is one of the most astonishing panoramas of the kind that I have ever read.

MAN PROPOSES.

Herr Perutz was the author of that strange tale, "The Master of the Day of Judgment." His new novel, "Where Will You Fall?" is equally interesting and far more human. It is a story of queerly frustrated revenge. Five Austrian officers have been taken prisoner by Russia and not too well treated. In particular there is a Russian Field Captain who has behaved most brutally to a dying companion of theirs. They swear revenge, but when peace comes only one of the five is prepared to abide by his oath. Vittorin, indeed, lives on with the one idea of finding Seljukov and ridding the world of his detestable presence.

He follows his man to Russia, takes service under the Bolsheviks, meets with extraordinary adventures, hunts his prey in Constantinople, Paris, and Rome, and ultimately runs him to earth in his own native Vienna. The great day has come at long last, but the arrogant Field Captain is now a miserable pauper earning a few pence by making toys, and what can Vittorin do but purchase a handful of his toys and—forget? It is a dramatic and most unusual story, and the pictures of post-war Russia, besides being exceedingly vivid, seem to be covering new ground.

IN PLEASANT PLACES.

"Peregrine" is the kind of novel that makes you thoroughly pleased with life. It is not a great work of art, it has no extraordinary story to tell, and it introduces you to no unforgettable figure. But it does possess a very real charm of its own, particularly in the earlier chapters, when Peregrine himself is a child, and it is written in a likeable way. Moreover, young Perry is not just the ordinary "good fella" of fiction. He ought to have been the head of the Okewoods with a rent-roll which the war did not too greatly reduce; instead, he is only a cousin, and one of the poorer cousins at that. But although Perry deep down in his soul wants to live much in the way that his ancestors did, he has none of the horror for "trade" which they would have so freely expressed. He makes his "pile," but in no unworthy fashion. "Devilishly lucky," he calls himself, and perhaps he is. But he deserves his good luck, though I think that Mr. Acland need not have kept him waiting so long for his Ursula.

ANOTHER COLETTE.

If Colette's Claudine had been born in the country and been sent to an English High school, I cannot think that she would have stayed there for more than a term at most. She would have scandalised the mistresses, who would, no doubt rightly, have considered her wit and badinage to be peculiarly out of place, and she would not have been able to flirt, so advantageously to herself, with her examiners. Luckily for herself, however, to say nothing of Colette's readers, she was sent to a French provincial school, where what have come to be called "high jinks" seem to have been the order of the day. As a result "Claudine at School" is singularly diverting, not least so at its unseemliest moments.

THE 'EIGHTIES.

"The Eighteen-Eighties." Essays by Fellows of the Royal Society of Literature. Edited by Walter de la Mare. (Cambridge University Press. 12s. 6d.)

Reviewed by DILYS POWELL.

It is a curious fact that almost every decade for the last 300 years in England, except our own, can be made out glittering, momentous, full of great literary figures and decisive literary movements. How long will it be, one wonders, before the critic will be able, looking back on the 1920's, to see which of the coteries were something more than mere coteries, which of the innovators were bringing something important as well as new into the language, which, in fact, of the innumerable writers, persecuted, popular or simply ignored, were going to take their place in the main stream of English literature? In the meantime we are in a good position to estimate the contribution of the 'eighties: near enough not to fall in love with the conventions of the decade and call them inspiration, far enough away to distinguish a current from an eddy.

"The Eighteen-Eighties" illuminates the period the more effectively in that, taking a good many of the currents for granted, its contributors devote much of their attention to forgotten writers or to writers not commonly accorded the grave appraisal of an F.R.S.L. We are given, then, a kind of double view of the 'eighties, a view of the decade as it might have appeared to the contemporary reader of Rhoda Broughton, a view as it appears to the critic in 1930.

Best-Sellers of the 'Eighties.

Mr. de la Mare in his introduction gives an idea of the more durable productions of the 'eighties. It was the period responsible for "Arabia Deserta," for "Diana of the Crossways," for "The Confessions of a Young Man," "The Mayor of Casterbridge," "Plain Tales from the Hills," and Burton's "Arabian Nights." But, on the other hand, as Mr. Drinkwater reminds us in a not unkindly essay, it was also the period in which Martin Tupper "was able to persuade himself" that the purpose of his work had been accomplished, "and that its influence would be abiding."

> **He believed throughout a long life that he was marching steadily forward. His belief was shared by cheering crowds of readers. Something very energetic undoubtedly was happening. But the first step as a poet was never taken.**

More deserved from a literary point of view, but scarcely less ephemeral, was the success of Rhoda Broughton, of whom Mr. Forrest Reid writes sympathetically in an essay on "Minor Fiction in the 'Eighties." "I began my career as Zola," said Miss Broughton in her old age. "I finish it as Miss Yonge. It's not I that have changed, it's my fellow countrymen." W. E. Norris is another forgotten novelist who was a favourite of the 'eighties; and who, born in this century, has read Baring-Gould's "Mehalah"?

Some Survivals.

But we must not forget the survivals from the ranks of the best-sellers. Lewis Carroll, on whom Mr. de la Mare contributes a characteristic essay, was still at his nonsense in the 'eighties, though he had done with Alice and the Snark. And when we read of an honour paid to Sir Henry Lytton, it is as well to remember that Gilbert and Sullivan (treated here by Mr. Chesterton) were delighting England fifty years ago.

Certain of the "great" figures, perhaps, have dwindled in half a century. Pater, whom Mr. T. S. Eliot puts in his place (in two senses), has lost some of his enchantments. Ibsen, of whom Mr. Harley Granville-Barker writes wittily, holds his own; but Stevenson, who comes into Mrs. Margaret L. Woods's "Poets of the 'Eighties," is rather in the background to-day. The whirligig of taste again! This book is indeed a testimony to the vagaries of that popular toy. It is also a volume of singular interest. I find I have not mentioned Lord Lytton's essay on "The Poetry of Owen Meredith," or Professor Boas's on T. E. Brown, or Father Martindale's on Newman and Manning. Only want of space prevents me from writing at length on these three brilliant pieces of work.

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His commentary is highly diverting, but it has its importance. Reading through his pages, you begin to understand the immensity of social change. And with chapters devoted to the young person, smoking, patent medicines, dress, and new books, the panorama unfolded is commendably wide. It is particularly interesting to read contemporary criticisms of Thackeray, but it is equally instructive to discover what was considered right and proper for the young person. And, Mr. Darwin is exactly the right person to discourse upon all such matters. His is a charming pen, and his readers will share his obvious enjoyment in these very quaint things of the past.

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"Journal of a Somerset Rector, John Skinner." Edited by Howard Coombs and the Rev. Arthur N. Bax. (Murray. 15s.)

Reviewed by J. M. BULLOCH.

A hard-bitten dramatic critic, asked many years ago by the present writer how a certain play was written, promptly replied that it was not written at all, but "knocked together with a hammer and a tack." As we live in a mechanised age, the process, long familiar in the theatre, is now being performed in the book world, not, however, by the humble hammer, but by means of the dictaphone, the typewriter, the "stenographer," and similar methods, with the result that an increasing number of books are not being written but spoken. We have a good opportunity of noting the results in several books of the moment, most of them, not unnaturally, being the product of people who are not "literary."

The Spy Speaks.

The book on—or is it by?—the notorious Steinhauer, who believes that as "the Master Spy of the Kaiser" he will "go down to posterity," is a typical example of the puzzlement often attaching to such books. You have to go to p. 343 to learn that it is a translation, but there is no indication who the translator is; Mr. Felstead, already known as the author of "German Spies at Bay," claims only to be editor. The first section, "My Life in the Secret Service," begins (p. 1) with June, 1914; traces German espionage in Britain from 1902 (pp. 46-161), and then returns to the Great War (pp. 162-202). The second part, entitled "In the Shadow of the Kaiser," includes an account of Steinhauer's start in life in the German navy from before 1889 (pp. 215-223), and his turning detective, in America (pp. 205-206).

Over and above that, one gets the impression that large parts of the story have passed through the alembic of his editor's mind, for much of the matter is quite pro-British, as when Steinhauer frankly says "spying is a dirty business"—though he declines to discuss the responsibility for the war—while he maintains that Lord Haldane was the "finest spy England ever employed." He admits that, as Sir George Aston has recently told us in his "Secret Service," the Germans, with all their alleged acuteness, were completely taken in by the marvellous landing of our Expeditionary Force, for Berlin had no knowledge of its departure "until it was too late to revise the plan of operations on the Western Front." The efforts of "Dr." Armgaard Karl Graves ("double-dyed rascal"), sentenced at Edinburgh in 1912 to two years' imprisonment as a German spy—"he was never a spy of mine"—were, he says, "little short of a joke." But much the same might be said of the waiter spy, Albrecht, at Becker's Hotel in Finsbury Square, of Ernst, the poor little barber in the Caledonian Road, to whom the niggardly German staff sent letters for distribution to "agents," and of many other episodes in the book, which, despite its ramshackle character, is very readable.

The Detective.

Even more puzzling is the account of the death of President Harding, as built up from the diaries of a White House detective, Gaston Means, by Mrs. Thacker, who met him in an Atlanta penitentiary, where he was doing a three years' "stretch." The volume opens with the phrase, "If Gaston Means should talk"; and talk he does, in a rambling way, reporting verbatim—as if he had carried a dictaphone about with him—amazing conversations with Mrs. Harding. She found out, through Mr. Means, that her second-rate consort had had an affair with a girl, Nan Britton, in his "home town." In consequence, a gang of politicians, having foisted him into the Presidential chair on the rebound from Wilsonism—just think of it—used him to push their graft schemes. To save him from obloquy Mrs. Harding, it is vaguely suggested, gave him a medicine at San Francisco on their return from Alaska, which was the end of the errant Warren Gamaliel. Whatever the truth of the story, the motives assigned to Mrs. Harding—now mad jealousy of her rival and now the desire to mother the President—are as mixed up as the method of telling the story, which is done in a rambling, conversational way.

Another American detective, Michael Fiaschetti, formerly head of the Italian squad of the New York Police Department, can, according to the jacket, "pick your pocket or sing you 'Rigoletto' as he locks you up"; but he is even less of a "scholard" than Mr. Means. Yet, though he speaks through a fellow Italian, who first met him when "on a story for 'The World,'" you do hear a voice in the lurid account of rounding up incredible crooks and gangsters, and handling "stool pigeons." This "Renaissance bravo turned into a New York policeman"—or else his interpreter—has a mordant philo-

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sophy, which he likes to shoot off aphoristically:—

> Business is business, but sometimes it's murder.
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> Surveillance began the first time somebody wanted to get something on somebody.
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> The conclusion I've been able to come to regarding this world is this. Everybody's stealing. Everybody's shouting.

On which note he brings down his highly coloured curtain.

The Parson.

The diary is essentially a spoken book, not least that of John Skinner, the Rector of Camerton, Somerset (1772-1839), who chatted so freely into his own that it ran into ninety-eight volumes, now in the British Museum. The selection, skilfully made by his editors, gives a perfect picture of the daily round, sprinkled with little moralisings, such as the one he penned exactly a hundred years ago to-day: "Those who have something of their own need not stoop to become imitators." John Skinner was himself. That is why we like him to chat to us.

OUR DOGS.

"Thy Servant a Dog." By Rudyard Kipling. (Macmillan. 5s.)

"Roc: A Dog's-Eye View of War." By Edmund Vale. (Dent. 6s.)

"The Portrait of a Dog." By Mazo de la Roche. (Macmillan. 7s. 6d.)

"Let's Talk of Dogs." By Rowland Johns. (Methuen. 6s.)

Reviewed by H. C. MINCHIN.

When authors write of our canine allies they depict them, one fancies, as the sort of creatures they would have been themselves had they been born dogs. Mr. Kipling's Boots, Slippers, Ravager, and Toby Dog bear a likeness in kind to Stalky, Beetle, and others of their set. We all know that there is much of the eternal boy in the dog—the quick impulse, the transparent ingenuity, the excitability, the readiness for fun and adventure. "It were fun" is the repeated comment of Boots, the Aberdeen, who is the narrator in Mr. Kipling's book. The communications which pass between Boots and his fellows, together with the kitchen cat's patronising interventions maintain, in that acute insight which has detected them, the high level of the animal-talk in the "Jungle Books." The dogs, indeed, use a curiously abbreviated form of English, but we soon get used to it.

> Please may I come in? I am Boots. I am son of Kildonan Brogue. . . . very fine dog; and no-dash-parlour-tricks, master says, except I can sit up, and put paws over nose. It is called "Making beseech." Look! I do it out of my own head. *Not* for telling. . . . This is Flat-in-Town, I live here with own God. I tell:—

Come in, Boots, you are more than welcome!

So Boots, with his big heart and little body, comes in and "tells"; tells of his good and naughty deeds, of his friendship with "Smallest," master's baby, of his raids and escapades, and, perhaps best of all, of his devotion to Ravager, the disabled fox-hound, who was the first to go. And then Boots' gay self-confidence and spirits failed him for a time, since he searched vainly for the one

> which were my true friend Ravager, which were always good to me since we was almost pups, and never minded of my short legs or because I were stoopid. But he did not come. . . . Please, I am very small mis'able dog! . . . I do not understand! . . . I do not understand!

A Dog at the Front!

Both fact and fiction may be supposed to play their part in the story of Roc, the red setter, who was found watching the body of a Scottish subaltern in a shell-hole at Roclincourt. Under a new master Roc survived eighteen months' campaigning to be run over and killed, alas, by a motor-car in peace time. All this, clearly, might be veritable fact. But no human recorder was present when he fought the blind Russian hound in the blazing church and when only a fall of masonry saved him from being slain and probably devoured by his stronger though starving foe. We do not read of Roc performing any remarkable service; he was only enrolled as a messenger-dog when an edict went forth that none but such dogs should be in an officer's possession. But what he did do was to mitigate the horrors of war for his master and a faithful "batman" by his loyal, loving companionship. Mr. Vale has revealing things to say about canine psychology, and his wife's drawings of the red setter in every attitude are full of skill and charm.

In "The Portrait of a Dog" the balance of human and canine feeling is not happily kept. The sentiment is too facile, the tear of sensibility too ready to flow. A tendency, doubtless unconscious, to self-portraiture, throws "Bunty's" picture into the shade.

Some Cheerful Stories.

The tales told by Mr. Rowland Johns are all of a lively and cheerful character. There is a dog in each of them, but plenty of people too. If a male nurse's jacket is torn by his patient's spaniel, the rent may not in every case lead to a thumping legacy. Not many postmen, perhaps, have had their fingers grabbed by a bull-dog through a letter-slit, at the moment when the maroons announced an air-raid. Yet such things may have occurred; and Mr. Johns has the knack of convincing his reader that they did. And his dogs certainly impress one as being true to canine nature.

POST-WAR EUROPE.

"Europe Since 1914." By F. Lee Benns. (Bell. 16s.)

"Since Then." By Sir Philip Gibbs. (Heinemann. 15s.)

Reviewed by SIR JOHN MARRIOTT.

Memories are short and treacherous. To many people who have lived through the last sixteen years the effort to recall the exact sequence of events is difficult; to not a few the memory of all that has happened since August, 1914, is a confused and uneasy dream if not a hideous nightmare; to all both these books will be helpful.

They are very different in scope, in method, and, I should suppose, in object; but they are happily complementary. Mr. Benns, who is a member of the University of Indiana, aims at providing "the general reader and student of history with a brief, clearly-written, well organised introduction to the significant events and changes which have occurred in Europe since 1914." He adopts the method of the chronicler rather than the commentator; his arrangement is as far as possible chronological; he sets forth the facts and allows them to speak, for the most part, for themselves. His plain narrative is elucidated by a large number of good maps, a few photographs, including one of "Britain's Second Labour Government," and a characteristically confused one of "The Rulers of Soviet Russia." He provides an admirable and carefully classified bibliography, a good index, and an analytical table of contents.

A Master Impressionist.

In Sir Philip Gibbs's book there are none of these things: not even an index, which omission in a book of this size is inexcusable. But, that growl uttered, I have nothing to say save in admiration. There are displayed in this book all the characteristic qualities which went to make Sir Philip Gibbs one of the most brilliant of war correspondents, and the result is a book containing a series of sketches painted with the brush of a master-impressionist. Were I to say that this is not a book for the student I might be misunderstood. Every student of this period would be the better for reading it: but with its complete absence of an *apparatus criticus* it is plainly not intended primarily for students. It is, I imagine, intended to help the man in the street to recall much that he has forgotten and to learn a good deal that he never knew.

Very frankly, very fairly, above all very brilliantly, Sir Philip tells the story of the post-war world.

> In such a world, hysterical, feverish, with a pulse above normal, recovery was difficult—it seemed impossible. Peace was held by a thread which seemed likely to break at any moment, and did break here and there. But somehow it stood the strain among the bigger nations, until it was strengthened and made fast by the increasing sanity of peoples slowly cured of their madness, and by the leadership of the best intelligence in the world fighting desperately against the powers of darkness. That struggle for peace, which now seems assured for a fair spell of human progress, unless the world goes mad again, is one of the forward movements of humanity, and the recovery of Europe from all that ruin that was left by the war is almost miraculous.

The Fascist Régime.

If this book has a text the above paragraph may perhaps supply it. But Sir Philip does not preach a sermon; he paints, as I have said, a series of sketches. Of these sketches not the least interesting is that on the Fascist régime. There is no stinting of admiration for the marvellous work accomplished by Signor Mussolini; nor, on the other hand, any attempt to ignore the more sinister features of the dictatorship.

With Sir Philip Gibbs's sketch of Fascism and its leader may be usefully compared Mr. Benns's more elaborate and detailed chapter on the same subject. Similarly it is very interesting to compare the essays of our two authors on Soviet Russia. Both are eminently worth reading; but while Sir Philip is dithyrambic Mr. Benns is more coolly but very clearly informative. But as Sir Philip writes of "The Martyrdom of Russia," so he describes "The Leadership of France." Mr. Benns is content with more prosaic titles and more prosaic treatment.

The General Strike.

Both authors devote chapters to Great Britain, but while Mr. Benns, though not ignoring the economic and industrial problem, lays special stress on the settlement of the Irish Question, Sir Philip puts the defeat of the General Strike in the middle of his picture. And his comment is admirable.

> England and her sister peoples of Scotland and Wales were saved once again by a good nature, a sense of humour, a lack of cruelty, a sporting spirit, which stood the strain of those days marvellously.

Looking, however, not to the recent past but to the immediate future, Sir Philip pins his faith to a "New Crusade," to be led, if possible, by the Prince of Wales "calling upon the young manhood of the distressed areas to follow him in a great adventure by founding a new settlement overseas." He sees the difficulties, "grave, almost insuperable"; the opposition of the younger men and women to the idea of "exile"; the suspicions felt in many quarters about the motives of politicians who advocate Empire Settlement as a panacea for our social ills; the discouraging attitude of the Dominions. No one who has given any thought to the matter will be likely to underrate these difficulties. But for my own part I agree with Sir Philip Gibbs, that given "leadership, organisation, and enthusiasm" the difficulties could be overcome.

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"Verdun." By Henri Philippe Petain, Marshal of France. Translated by Margaret McVeagh. (Elkin Mathews. 12s. 6d.)

Reviewed by HERBERT SIDEBOTHAM.

This is a very readable account of the defence of Verdun by the distinguished soldier without whose clear thinking and genius for organisation even the magnificent valour of the French infantry would have been unavailing. Marshal Petain went to Verdun after the disastrous first three days of the attack which ended in the capture of Fort Douaumont on February 24. Towards the end of April he was transferred from Verdun to command the Central Army Group, and the actual defence of Verdun was continued by General Nivelle, but to the end he was responsible for the support of the defence, and he, more than any other General, saved Verdun. Petain's was one of the most original and balanced minds in the French Army during the war, but one must read very closely between the lines of this book to find any very definite contribution to the controversies about Verdun.

Organisation of the Defence.

The idea encouraged at the time was that the local command was extremely remiss in the early stages of the battle and that the successful defence later was mainly a soldier's battle. This book exculpates the local command for the losses of ground in the opening days of the attack, and Petain gives it as his opinion that if they had known every move of the Germans they could not have done better than they did with their resources, but that leaves room for grave doubts about the general organisation of the defence. It is the fact now stated on Petain's authority that Fort Douaumont was lost by sheer bad staff work. The orders to hold it were given to the Thirtieth Corps on February 24, but when next day the Twentieth Corps relieved it the orders had either not reached it or had not been carried out. It was a sudden impulse that made the German officer Brandis order the attack on this dominating position; and his men believed that they were going to certain death. In fact they found it undefended except by one battery guard and a handful of gunners. From which it may be inferred how superb was the work of organisation carried out by Petain on his arrival.

Petain's chief object in writing the book is to give a plain narrative with the appropriate emotional background. In a fine passage in which he describes the contrast between the demeanour of the troops as they march to the front and their sadness when they return there shows the General whose humane anxiety to economise human life was one of his distinctions. But the technician of the art of war occasionally makes an appearance, and in a valuable appendix he sets out the place of fixed forts in defence. He points out that after the speedy fall of forts like Namur, Maubeuge, Antwerp, and Novo-Georgievsk, these fortifications had in 1915 fallen into complete disrepute.

Value of Fortifications.

Douaumont itself seems to have been regarded as a shell trap. On August 15 a decree was issued placing the armament of these fortified places at the disposal of the field armies, and the works of Verdun had been partially dismantled. One of the early orders of Petain at Verdun directed their reconditioning, and he believes that they were of extreme value to the defence. Douaumont was heavily bombarded by both sides, and at least 2,000 shells of 270 calibre fell on it, but its subterranean portions were undamaged.

The general conclusion is that fortifications will resume their old estimate in defence provided that they are of the most powerful modern construction. "A fortification alone is not enough to check the enemy, but it greatly increases the resisting strength of troops who know how to use it." These conclusions must inevitably profoundly modify the theory and practice of frontier defence.

Marshal Petain is interesting on the strategy of the Germans against Verdun, and inclines to think that the Crown Prince was right and Falkenhayn wrong about it. The Crown Prince was for delivering the attack on the flanks—"pinching the salient"—and would have discontinued the assault earlier. Falkenhayn's excuse that his object was to 'bleed France white" by attacking a place which the French Army would never consent to evacuate was, he thinks, an afterthought. The translation is adequate, and there is an abundance of maps and photographs.

PRISON LIFE.

"Life in London's Great Prisons." By T. Whyte Mountain. (Methuen. 5s.)

The idea of prison life must always be extremely, if vaguely, terrible to people who know no more of prisons than the view of their outer walls, and it is that sentiment which explains the interest so widely taken in books informed with a personal and intimate knowledge of what that life really is. "The author," says the notice on the "jacket" of Mr. Whyte Mountain's book, "writes of a life he has lived and of scenes he has witnessed," and his pages amply support the statement. Prison life is there described in minute detail. Such a series of pictures could hardly, of their nature, be very uplifting to the spirit, but the net result left on the mind of the reader is not altogether sad. One encouraging fact is obvious, namely, that the English prison of to-day is no longer a place of stupid and brutalising torture, that it is no longer entirely, nor even principally, punitive, but one in which there reigns a definite desire to do the best with and for the human material which passes through it in so continuous and monotonous a stream.

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"My Hunting Sketchbook—Vol. II." By Lionel Edwards. (Eyre and Spottiswoode. 21s.)

Reviewed by MAJOR THE HON. J. C. DARLING.

Mr. Bryden's book deals with sport and wild life of many different sorts in many different countries. The animals described and studied range from the elephant to the weasel. Fox-hunting and deer-hunting in England, through several centuries, pass in review. The following remark, made, apparently, in the sixteenth century, is interesting: "The hunting of the Foxe is pleasant, for he maketh an excellent crye, because his sent is very hot." I make no apologies for the spelling, as I have taken it direct from the book. There we have the point of difference. Hounds run with a much better cry when hunting a fox than when hunting a deer, they also "carry a better head." That is why most English hunting men prefer the fox when they have the choice, provided they are students of hunting and not merely intent on riding a long point. French hunting is reviewed as it is carried on now, but the war naturally dealt much more hardly with sport in France than in England.

Before the war there were in France some 320 packs, to-day there are about 150. This is, of course, a sad reduction, but I daresay it comes as a surprise to most Englishmen to hear there are so many. It certainly does to me. A chapter is devoted to American fox-hunting, which, it seems, differs very much in the North and South. In the latter, the old Virginian hound is much admired, and he seems to have retained many of the qualities lost to the English hound of the present day as a result of breeding for looks, not for work. In the North, we are told, there is so much frost that no account can be taken of it. Hounds hunt all the same, with the ground like iron! One chapter is devoted to the hare, even mentioning galloping hares during the war, but I say this with bated breath lest H.Q. should hear of it! Other subjects dealt with include an account of the Devon and Somerset under Major Morland Greig, hawking, fishing, and big-game shooting. There is a chapter on old sporting prints, together with some very good reproductions. The other illustrations in the book are photographs.

Abundant Material.

No better criticism can be made of "Scarlet and Khaki" than that contained at the end of the introduction by Boyd Cable, where we read:—

> I fancy that many readers will feel, like me, that if "Khaki and Scarlet" has one fault it is that the author is over-generous in the measure of the years his book covers, and not generous enough in the measure of "good yarns" in which such a full life as his abounds. I see here abundant material, out of his own experiences for a whole set of books—one or several on horse and hound, others on the Boer War and Gallipoli, and a very full and stirring one from his days in the Royal Flying Corps.

These remarks show the events covered by the book, and I agree that though plenty of good yarns are there they rather make us long for more. In time of peace the author appears to have been a keen foxhunter, and, I doubt not, a good man to hounds. I feel proud that it was foxhunters like him who rose almost to a man to answer their country's call in 1914. In the last chapter there is a word or two said about the men who did not answer the call, but who put business first and country a bad second. The author reminds us of the "Lays of Ancient Rome," where Macaulay tells us:—

> The harvest of Aretium
> This year old men shall reap,
> This year young boys in Umbro
> Shall plunge the struggling sheep.

In 1914 this happened in France and Germany, thanks to conscription, applied with no nonsense. Would that it had happened in England too!

Hunting Sketches.

My third book is a collection of twenty-two sketches, mostly used or intended for use by the author in effecting some more finished picture. To my mind they convey much more than probably the finished picture itself. Mr. Edwards tells us in his preface that "in converting the sketch to a picture, nine times out of ten one loses *life* as *accuracy* is increased." The sketches are mostly coloured, but some are just drawings. In my humble opinion they show Mr. Edwards's art at its best, for he is probably above everything an expert at making quick sketches. Personally, I think his elaborate pictures, when he attempts them, are not so good. The preface is the only serious piece of letterpress in the book, and in it appears a most interesting brief account of the changes in English agriculture since the time of Good Queen Bess, and of the natural effect such changes have had on hunting. After reviewing all the many modern developments that are bad for hunting, the author ends up in the happy vein:—

> Possibly, like threatened men, foxhunting will live long. I hope it may in spite of wire, tarmac roads, and the efforts of the spoilsport brigade who would rather see foxes and deer exterminated in this country than hunted.

The subjects dealt with in the sketches include typical incidents with several well-known packs, the ill-fated airship R101 flying low over a scene in the Pytchley country, a study of a military point-to-point, hunting in Ireland, hunting by train, and a picture showing "how to lose a beaten fox," a sketch every huntsman might well hang on the wall by his bed so as to refresh his memory each morning with the fact that he had much better let his hounds catch a beaten fox than try to do it for them.

BOUGAINVILLE.

"Bougainville: Soldat et Marin." By Maurice Thiéry. (Paris: Pierre Roger, 15 fr.)

Reviewed by LAURIE MAGNUS.

This well-written volume in the "Grands Découvreurs" series aptly illustrates the difference between biography and history. The life of de Bougainville touches history, particularly English history, only at one or two points. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1755, when he was paying a visit to the French Ambassador at the Court of St. James's. He sailed to Canada in the following year with the Marquis de Montcalm, who, like Wolfe, was killed at Quebec, and he surrendered Montreal on the first anniversary of Wolfe's death, September 8, 1760. A great and a gallant man, he survived till 111, and M. Thiéry recounts in this book the consecutive facts of his biography.

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Writes M. Thiéry:—

> Only at 9 a.m. he received the news of the invasion He hastily collected all the troops at his disposal and made for the plains of Abraham. It was nearly midday when he arrived and then it was too late The French army was in flight before the victorious English, and De Bougainville only succeeded in covering their retreat.

Similarly, the Cambridge historians relate: "Bougainville, like Montcalm, had been out-generalled. He arrived with his 1,500 men just too late to make any attempt on his part justifiable." It was a heartrending decision which he had to make, and M. Thiéry shows it clearly that General Lord Townshend did all he could to facilitate his task.

> The courtesy of this great English nobleman towards the young French officer, whose distinction and courage he admired, was manifested many times over.

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Before and After the Campaign.

Very interesting is the account of the dramatic interview between de Bougainville's uncle, M. d'Arboulin, and Mme. de Pompadour, to whom the young Louis-Antoine owed, in 1756, his appointment on Montcalm's staff. It shows how the strings were pulled at the Court of King Louis XV., who was disputing with King George II. the title of father of the Indians. And not less interesting is the account of his departure from St. Malo on September 15, 1763,

> eager for adventure to the unknown, and with his hair already greyed by the poetry of the sea.

The soldier was disappearing, "le marin commençait de naître." His voyage round the world, his discoveries, his contributions to various branches of science, and the disappointments and disillusionment inevitable to the record of such a career, fill the second and longest part of this volume. The thirty-five pages of Part III. bring us to his interview with Napoleon, who, as First Consul, dubbed de Bougainville "Monsieur le Royaliste," and who found him too old for the post of Minister of Marine. He spent his last years with his roses and his grandchildren.

MOORISH PROVERBS.

"Wit and Wisdom in Morocco: A Study of Native Proverbs." By Edward Westermarck, Ph.D., with the assistance of Shereef Abd-es-Salam El-Baqqali. (Routledge. 25s.)

Dr. Westermarck's industry in research is once more exemplified. This book, which completes his trilogy on the customs and ideas of the Moors, contains some 2,000 proverbial expressions in use among a people much addicted to that form of comment, collected by him from the lips of his dark neighbours in Morocco. As no facet of Moorish life is shirked, certain of the book's contents must be supposed to be intended for the student of anthropology rather than for the general reader, since there is a type of knowledge which repels without edifying.

Proverbs by themselves, the author remarks, cannot afford reliable information about those who use them; they may require to be interpreted in the light of knowledge which they do not supply. Further, many of those in this collection are to the Western mind highly enigmatic. From his long residence among the Moors Dr. Westermarck is in a position both to supply the requisite information, which he has gained by experience, and to explain what is obscure. For instance,

> we may (he writes) be a little puzzled when we hear that "to commit ten sins against God is better than to commit one against a servant of God"; but all appearance of irreverence is removed by the explanation that God is forgiving, but man is not.

This proverb is, in fact, like many of its fellows, a reflection of Islamic culture. Others, of a more homely character, such as "How beautiful is the hoe in the hand of other people," might be paralleled from the roadside wisdom of other races. The principal aim of both kinds, we read, is "to influence people's wills and actions." The author has grouped them round such topics as marriage, hospitality, arrogance, ingratitude, and so forth. They appear in their colloquial and literary Arabic forms, as well as in an English garb.

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Who can say that readers of to-day are trivial when we know that 40,000 copies of Sir James Jeans's book, "The Universe Around Us," have been published by the Cambridge University Press, and that a new edition is due on Wednesday? On the same day the Press will publish his new book, "The Mysterious Universe," for which a similar reception may be anticipated, for it shows how the teaching of astronomy and physics will have a great effect on our outlook on the universe as a whole and on our views as to the significance of human life. Just the same kind of seriousness is proved by the fact that Sir Ernest Benn will publish on Friday the sixth edition of Mr. C. Leonard Woolley's "Ur of the Chaldees," and also his new book, "Digging up the Past."

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The religious question, which has been raised in an acute form by Sir Arthur Keith in the current issue of the "Rationalist Annual," will be discussed in Mr. Arnold Lunn's book, "The Flight from Reason," which Eyre and Spottiswoode issue this week. It attacks vigorously many of the dogmas against religion put forward by popular writers on science, including H. G. Wells, Julian Huxley and J. B. S. Haldane.

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In view of the Zionist trouble, it is extremely interesting to know that Dr. Weizmann, the Zionist leader, is writing his memoirs for Mr. Gollancz. Perhaps he will tell us how he got Lord Balfour, not an easy man to convince, to his side.

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The post-war world is exercising writers. Following fast in the wake of Sir Philip Gibbs's "Since Then" comes M. Herriot's study of "The United States of Europe," a Harrap book, to be issued this week, which examines the possibilities of a federated Europe, with special reference to tariffs.

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Travel books are to have a very important addition in the shape of Mr. F. S. Smythe's "Kangchenjunga Adventure," which Mr. Gollancz publishes this month. A feature of the book will be the reproductions of the superb photographs taken by Mr. Smythe, who was the leading Englishman in the expedition. The same region is dealt with in Sir Reginald Rankin's "Tour in the Himalayas and Beyond," a record of a trip in 1898, which John Lane will publish next week. This week will also bring us through Putnam Mr. N. A. Rowe's "Samoa under the Sailing Gods," to which Mr. Lloyd Osbourne has contributed a preface.

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There will be keen curiosity to see Mr. Robert Graves's new book, "But it Still Goes On," which includes a diary and three short stories as an answer to the critics of "Good-bye to All That."

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A pathetic interest attaches to "The Book of Fleet Street," which Cassell is to publish next week. It is edited by the late Mr. T. Michael Pope, who slipped away so sadly the other day. In it several notable journalists and authors tell us how they managed to get into the Street.

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Political events have recently brought Malta very much to the front, and therefore attract one to Mr. Frederick Ryan's book, "The House of the Temple," to be published by Burns, Oates, and Washbourne, which deals largely with the Knights, and ends with a graphic description of the taking of the island by Napoleon.

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Mr. Humbert Wolfe makes his debut this week as an anthologist with an Eyre and Spottiswoode book called "Winter Miscellany," to which he has contributed some poems himself and a long introduction. Mr. Blunden has written a prefatory essay on the soldier-poets of 1914-18 for Mr. Frederick Breton's "Anthology of War Poems," a Collins book.

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The illustrated classic, in which the Bodley Head excels, will bring us from Cassell this week an edition of that great book, "Moby Dick," with 270 illustrations, by Rockwell Kent, while Eyre and Spottiswoode has just done a beautifully printed edition of "The Compleat Angler," with coloured illustrations by Mr. Frank Adams.

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Mr. Gollancz, as Mundanus, is delighted with the success of his first three shilling novel, "The Lion Took Fright," which will be followed next week by one called "Decent Fellows," by John Heygate, a study of post-war life at Eton. I think it very likely that the new price and format will extend to other types of books.

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Feuchtwanger's new book, "Success," to be published by Secker on Thursday, is a long affair, for it runs into 750 pages, and will cost half a sovereign. "The Complete Short Stories of 'Saki,'" containing 135 items and his biography, and running into 732 pages, will be published next day by John Lane at 7s. 6d.

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The Crime Club's choices for this month are headed by Mr. A. Fielding's "The Wedding Chest Mystery," which concerns a Chinese wedding chest. Mr. and Mrs. G. D. H. Cole, forgetting Labour politics for the moment, come second with "Corpse in Canonicals," while Mr. Jefferson Farjeon describes "The Mystery of the Moor."

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In a review of Mr. Owen Rutter's book, "The Pirate Wind," last Sunday, it was stated that the volume contained no map. Messrs. Hutchinson, the publishers, have pointed out that this is an error, and that the book is in fact supplied with a map.

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"Bran Mash" is the title of a book of memoirs by Captain F. Victor Hughes-Hallett, to be published by Hutchinson. Sport, the stage, and the services are dealt with by the author, who numbered among his friends Tree, Wyndham, Alexander, Irving, and Toole, and who is a well-known authority on hunting.

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"PSYCHIC" BIDDING AT CONTRACT.

There are two principles of play at Contract which no one can violate with impunity. First, the principle of mutual confidence between partners. If your partner does not trust you, the most brilliant bidding is of no avail. Secondly, the principle of definite bidding minima. If my original bid of "One" means two Quick Tricks to-day and three to-morrow, if my original "Two" fluctuates between three Quick Tricks and six, my partner never knows where he is. His raises and take-outs will become just as uncertain as my original bids, and between us we shall make an unholy mess of what ought to be a quite straightforward job.

But (there is a "but" here, as everywhere), provided that principle number one has been established—provided, that is, that your partner has learned to trust you—there are occasions when principle number two can be treated a little cavalierly. For if you never depart from the schedule of minimum bids which you have laid down for yourself (and with which your adversaries, as well as your partners, will be conversant), you will deprive yourself of a very formidable weapon—the weapon of negative camouflage. By negative camouflage (as opposed to positive camouflage, the concealment of one's strength) I mean, of course, the concealment of one's weakness. There are occasions when adverse Slam bids, and even adverse Game bids, can be successfully obviated by the suggestion that one holds a more formidable hand than is in fact the case. The player who sticks to cast-iron principles will never be badly "set," but his adversaries will "get away with it" far too often.

Bids which exemplify this principle of negative camouflage are known to the Americans (who have a peculiar name for everything) as "psychic" bids. This sounds more scientific than describing them merely as bluff. Bluff, however, they are, and there is nothing discreditable in that, for bluff, properly handled, can play an important part in Contract.

Bluff bids made indiscriminately, however, or in such a way as to endanger the confidence which should subsist between partners, are worse than useless—they are fatal. For bluff involves not only the risk, but the certainty, that one's partner, as well as one's adversaries, will be deceived. They can only be made, therefore, where certain conditions are present. First, the possible loss arising from retaliation must be comparatively small—the "psychic" bidder must on no account be vulnerable. Secondly, the consequences of deceiving one's partner must not be serious. Either he must have shown already that he is unlikely to take a share in the bidding, or the "psychic" bidder must have, if the worst comes to the worst, a reasonable line of escape. Here are two examples from an important tournament in America. They show how easily even experts can be demoralised by an appropriately timed threat.

Hand I.—Y deals; YZ vulnerable.

Y: ♠ K Q J 6 4 ♥ A J 5 ♦ 8 ♣ A Q 10 4
A: ♠ 9 8 ♥ 8 3 2 ♦ K Q 7 6 5 4 ♣ 9 6
B: ♠ 7 5 ♥ Q 9 7 6 4 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ J 8 5
Z: ♠ A 10 3 2 ♥ K 10 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ K 7 3 2

This hand was bid as follows:—

Y	B	Z	A
One Spade Double Three Spades	Double No Bid No Bid	No Bid Three Diamonds Four Spades	2 Diamonds No Bid All pass

The hand is, of course, a lay-down for "Seven Spades," and a Small Slam at least would have been bid by YZ had there been no interference by B. His "outrageous" double of Y's "Spade" is the "psychic" bid. This thoroughly upset Z, whose bidding of the hand was feeble. To begin with, he should have redoubled B Having missed this chance of showing his strength. Y's negative double of A's Diamonds gave him a second one. He could safely have called "Five Spades" on the third round, and it would not have been bad bidding to make this call on the second. In either case Y will proceed to six.

Hand II.—A deals; YZ vulnerable.

Y: ♠ A 8 ♥ A 8 6 4 3 2 ♦ J 4 ♣ 6 5 2
A: ♠ 9 5 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ Q 9 8 7 4
B: ♠ J 10 8 2 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ 9 5 2 ♣ K J 10
Z: ♠ K Q 7 6 4 ♥ 7 ♦ A K Q 7 3 ♣ A 3

In this case YZ were the same players as before, but a different AB succeeded in bamboozling them. Their technique, however, as will be seen, was essentially similar. The bidding went:—

A	Y	B	Z
No Bid Two Clubs All Pass	No Bid Two Hearts	One No-Trump No Bid	Double Two Spades

B's "No-trump," as before, is a well-timed bluff. Its effect was to frighten Z into making, on the second round, the under-bid of "Two Spades," which throws upon his partner the onus of continuing the bidding. Y, who had already called his hand was not prepared to go farther. Z should have bid "Three Spades" (a forcing bid), to which Y would have responded with "Three No-trumps." Z then calls "Four Diamonds," and Y "Four Spades." In actual play, Z made "Five Spades."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. A. P. (Tunbridge Wells).—Yes, certainly North can lead a Club. His adversaries have already exacted the appropriate penalty.

H. R. H. (Hove).—"Informatory Doubles." (1) B should call "Two Diamonds," but if he holds five Spades to the King, "One Spade." (2) "No Bid." (3) "No Bid."

S. R. (Hill Street, W.).—Holding Spades, A, Q, J, 10, 9, 8; Hearts, A; Diamonds, A, K, Q; Clubs, A, Q, J, you should open, at love all, with a bid of "Two Spades" if you are sure that your partner, however bad his hand, will give you a second chance to bid. Otherwise, you should open with a bid of "Six Spades" You have better than even chance of making the contract, and in that case should go for the Small Slam

J. W. B. (Knebworth).—A bystander calls attention to a revoke before the card played in error has been turned, and before the partner of the player at fault has had an opportunity to speak. The right card can be substituted in the ordinary way, leaving the player concerned subject to the usual penalty (Law 53 (3) (ii.), and no revoke can be claimed by the adversaries. There is no penalty prescribed against the offending bystander, but obviously he is guilty of a gross breach of etiquette. This, presumably, has already been pointed out to him.

BARNA.—(1) There is no means of reconciling the advice given by different authorities as to the interpretation of the call of "Three" of a suit over "Two." We can only hope that uniformity of practice will in time assert itself. Personally, I am of opinion that the practice ultimately adopted will be that of showing a worthless hand by the call of "Two No-trumps," reserving the call of "Three" in the suit for hands which have definite support. If my partner opens with "Two Spades," I do not call "Three Spades" unless I hold one sure trick (or its equivalent) and either three Spades to the Queen or four small Spades. If I think he has a chance of Slam, I call "Three" of a second suit, to enable him to show me something else. (2) On the facts as you give them, I do not like the call of "Four Hearts," but I should like to know more about the hands. (3) Holding Spades, A, K Q, x, x, x; Hearts, K, x, x; Diamonds, K, x; Clubs, x, x, the correct opening bid is "One Spade."

C. C. W. (Highbury).—At contract, score love-all in the first game, the bidding was as follows: Z, "One Spade"; A, "Two Clubs"; Y, "Two Hearts"; B, "Three Diamonds"; Z, "No Bid"; A, "Four Diamonds"; Y, "Four Spades"; B, "Five Diamonds"; Z, "Double"; all pass. B was one down on his contract. Z held: Spades, K, Q, 10, 9, 7; Hearts, K, Q; Diamonds, 9, 8, x, x; Clubs, J, x. Y held: Spades, A, J, 8, x; Hearts, A, 10, x, x, x, x, x; Diamonds, none; Clubs, A I am asked to comment on the bidding of Z and Y and to say whether the Grand Slam (which YZ can make) should not have been arrived at with better bidding on Y's part. Answer.—I certainly think Y was primarily at fault, but I do not consider either Z or Y bid perfectly. In my opinion the proper bidding of the hand is: Z, "No Bid" (I dislike an opening bid on two bare tricks); A, "One Club" (presumably); Y, "One Heart"; B, "Two Diamonds" (presumably); Z, "One Spade"; A, "Three Diamonds"; Y, "Six Spades." I do not think a Grand Slam can properly be arrived at, nor should Z support Y's Hearts on the K. Q only.

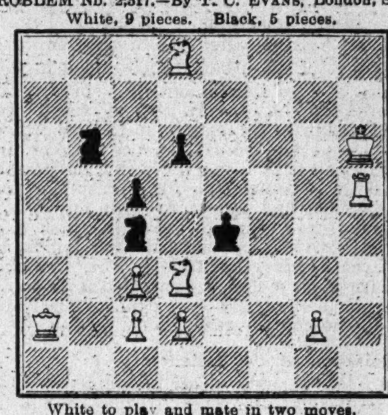
[Other correspondents have been answered by post.]

CHESS.

By L. VAN VLIET.

Solution of Problem No. 2,316: 1. K—B3! If K—Kt4; 2. B—Q2 (ch), K—B3; 3. Kt—Kt4 mate. If 1. . . . K—K4; 2. Kt—Q3 (ch), K—Q3; 3. Q—QB7. Or, 2. . . . K—B3; 3. B—R4. If 1. . . . Kt—K4; 2. Kt—K4 (ch)! B x Kt; 3. B—R4. If 1. . . . P—K4; 2. Kt—K4 (ch), K—K3; 3. Kt—B7! If 1. . . . P—Kt4, or B—Kt sq; 2. Kt—K4 (ch), K—K4; 3 B—Kt3. If 1. . . . any other move, 2. Kt—Kt4 (ch), etc. The problem has no other solution in three moves. 1. Kt—B7, is defeated by Kt—Q5!

PROBLEM No. 2,317.—By T. C. EVANS, London, S.W.
White, 9 pieces. Black, 5 pieces.



White to play and mate in two moves.

Correspondents will please note that the Editorial address of the SUNDAY TIMES is now 135 Fleet Street, E.C.4.

CORRECT SOLVERS.

Additional correct solutions of Problem No. 2,315 are acknowledged from Abdahab, G. T. Atkinson, S. A. Baldock, E. G. Barlow, C. V. Bean, I. M. Brown, Dr. D. F. Fraser, E. J Gibbs, S. H. Hossell, Dr. T. Wilson Parry, J. W. Pepper, and W. Winter. The problem has received the customary appreciations which Mr. Henry A. Read's clever compositions always receive from solvers.

Correct solutions of Problem No. 2,316 have been received from J. I. Binks ("Very clever"), I. M. Brown ("Not difficult, but very nice variety"), E. A. Lassen ("A good key"), J. E. Vaughan ("Very charming, with beautiful 'tries'"), F. H. Summers ("1. Kt—B7 gives fine wild goose chase"), Arbieff, Clephane (who has also been credited with the solution of No. 2,314), Martha Gasquoine, E. H. Bramhall, H. C. Robson, E. C. de Segundo, J. F. Robins, H. Forouher, V. G. Walrond, Cyrus, H. H. Greenway, G. Ingledew, F. Hurst, Horace H. King, F. C. Saville, L. G. Arnold, J. F. Powell, W. G. Lowe, F. E. Peake, A. Le Grys, E. A. Chamberlain, P. Martin, R. H. Thompson, H. L. Monks, F. H. Taylor, Edgley, B. C. Dickinson, J. R. Wilson, W. H. York, A. F. Scott ("Neat composition"), F. P. Younghusband, J. Silbersweig, Tramp ("A hard study, but well worth it"), Dr. Edridge-Green, J. W. Pearson ("A clever and pleasing composition"), Rev. W. Scott, Rev. H. G. Stembridge, G. F. Cowen, C. E. Craig, V. H. Sladen, S. W. Garrod, C. H. R. Crosby ("Great!"), C. White, E. J. Baker, and A. M. Pass.

EXTRAORDINARY GAME.

Subjoined is an extraordinary game played in the recent International Tournament at Liège between the winner of the first prize—Dr. S. Tartakover—and M. D. Przepiorka:—

	White. D. Przepiorka.	Black. Dr. Tartakover.
1	P—Q4	P—Q4
2	Kt—KB3	Kt—QB3
3	P—QKt3 (a)	B—Kt5
4	B—Kt2	B x Kt
5	KP x B (b)	P—K3
6	P—KKt3? (c)	P—KKt4!
7	P—KR4	P x P
8	R x P	B—Kt5 (ch)
9	P—B3 (d)	B—K2
10	R—R sq	P—KR4!
11	P—KB4	P—R5
12	Kt—Q2	B—Q3
13	K—B3	Q—B3
14	R x P	Castles (e)
15	R x R	Q x R
16	Kt—K5	B x Kt
17	BP x B	P—B3!
18	Q—Kt4 (f)	P—K sq
19	P x P	Kt x P
20	Q—R3	Q—K2
21	P—B3 (g)	Q—Kt4
22	B—B sq (h)	Q—Kt3 (i)
23	K—Q2	Kt—Q2
24	B—Q3	Q—B3
25	P—KB4	R—R sq
26	Q—Kt2	Kt x P!! (j)
27	P x Kt	Q x QP
28	K—B2	Kt—B1 (k)
29	B—K2 (l)	Q x R
30	B—Kt2	Q x P
31	Q—B3	R—R7!
32	P—KKt4	P—Q5!
	Resigns (m)	

(a) The old rule, that it is wrong to play Kt—QB3, before P—QB4, in the Queen's pawn opening, is a long ago exploded theory. The best plan, however, to combat this move is by: 3. P—B4, P x P; 4. P—Q5! Or, 3. P—B4, B—Kt5; 4. P x P, B x Kt; 5. P x Kt, or KtP x B.

(b) Preference is KtP x B.

(c) A strange idea, in the present position, with 6. Kt—Q2, or B—Kt5, or B—K2, or B—Q3, available!

(d) Better seems 9. Kt—Q2, Q—B3; 10. P—KB4.

(e) The pawn could have been regained by R x R; 15. Kt x R, B x P. White, however, with 16. Q—B3, forcing the exchange of Queens, would have been fairly sure of an ultimate draw.

(f) If 18. P—B4, Q—R7!

(g) If 21. Castles, then Kt—K5; 22. Q—Kt2, R—B sq!

(h) If now, P—KB4, then Q—Kt3; 23. Castles, Kt—K5.

(i) Threatening, Q—B7: White is harassed at every turn.

(j) This brilliant stroke decides the issue. The threat is, 27. . . R—R7! 28. Q x R, Kt—B6 (ch); winning the Queen.

(k) At once, Q x R; would also have won. The text move is, however, equally good, and more artistic.

(l) If 29. B—Kt2, Q x KB (ch); 30 K—B sq, R—Kt sq; 31. P—KKt4, Q—K6 (ch); etc.

(m) There is no defence to the threatened P—Q6. Certainly a remarkable game, as instructive as it is interesting.

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A. K. E. (Hove).—Received with thanks.

CYRUS.—(1) Five and ten respectively. (2) October 6.

B. R. W. (Deal).—Kt—Kt6 (double check) mate, admits of no legal interposing.

ACROSTICS.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,345.

(The Ninth of the Quarter.)

It helps you remember
The fifth of November.

1. How long? Those folk need not be wrong
Who say, Perhaps a first half long.
2. Two words, or merely half of one,
And laziness is now begun.
3. Give her a head, and so provide
What often is—a rhyme for guide.
4. Contention, hatred, room as well,
If all you know, the first one tell. PAX.

Solutions, addressed to the Acrostic Editor, must reach the office of the SUNDAY TIMES, 135, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, not later than by first post on Friday next.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,344, AND ANSWER.

First is lacking animation,
Second is a warm sensation,
They provide in conjugation
Indecisive termination
Of a racing contestation.

1. Monk, and shrived by transmutation.
2. To release from obligation.
3. Fleet that failed the Spanish nation.
4. Frighten ending with relation. SILEX.

1. D E R V I S H
2. E X C U S E
3. A R M A D A
4. D A U N T

NOTES.—Light 1. Anagrams. 2. Also, Exonerate. 4. Aunt.

Acrostic No. 1,343 (Castle Knight).—Correct answers were received from 33 solvers, one light was missed by 44, and 84 missed two or more lights.

STUMP.—All is well.

A few solvers have not noticed our change of address. Answers should be sent to 135, Fleet Street, E.C.4

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Sunday Times

No. 419.] LONDON, SUNDAY, OCT. 31, 1830. [Price 7d.

The further progress of the works at his Majesty's new palace at Pimlico is entirely suspended till further notice.

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CANADA AND THE EMPIRE.

PARTING OF THE WAYS.

SECRET OF IMPERIAL UNITY.

By The Hon. G. HOWARD FERGUSON (Prime Minister of Ontario).

The Empire is at the cross-roads, and the tragedy of it is that even now there are many who do not fully realise it. So far the way has been comparatively straight and clear, and a fatal complacency had begun to restrict our horizons. Now, however, we are called upon to make our choice between Imperial progress or Imperial stagnation. The former means turning uphill to the right. We need not risk it. Those who hold the reins can, if they wish, take the easier path immediately ahead, which leads to chaos and confusion. The teamsters are at the roadside now, consulting maps, exchanging counsels, testing the springs and examining the equipage of Empire, while we, who are following their discussions with sympathy and understanding, hope and pray that their decisions may be right and wise.

It is not merely a case of Right Turn. The abandonment of the old route and the old conceptions involves more than a change of direction. It means a change of outlook, a change in the spirit of co-partnership and the institution of fresh means of progress and of power. Have we the courage to start anew? By courage we founded the Empire. Will future historians be able to say that by lack of courage we lost it?

SELKIRK'S EXPERIMENT.

Let us face the facts. So far as Canada is concerned, the dominating factor in the present situation is her insistence on maintaining her British traditions, population, and habits of thought. None of us is too humble to play a part in Imperial destiny. The hand that shapes our future has never yet worn diamond rings.

Over a hundred years ago—you will pardon me telling a story?—a wise and public-spirited Scotsman took stock of his country, ravaged by the effects of the Napoleonic Wars and bearing many points of similarity to the Britain of to-day. The Earl of Selkirk was born a generation too soon, which, according to the calendar of pioneering, means that he was born at just the right time. He perceived that Britain had her physical and vocational limitations and, encouraged by his own experience of Prince Edward Island, he set to and commercialised, as far as he was able, the conception of Empire—Selkirk, thou shouldst be living at this hour!

The possibilities of the unpeopled West attracted him, and through his influence with the Hudson's Bay Company he acquired a grant of land in the valleys of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. In 1811 he launched his great experiment, and ninety Highlanders settled near the present site of Winnipeg. I shall not repeat details of a venture of which everyone must know. The settlers had to encounter every conceivable difficulty, from the hostility of Indians and the opposition of the North West Company to the rigours which always attend complete change of environment and mode of life. But they held their heads high and struggled grimly on. Their crops failed, but they sent representatives across the border for more seed; their leaders were massacred by treachery and Selkirk himself was involved in legal difficulties on the trumped-up charges of rivals.

WANTED, EMPIRE BUILDERS.

But his example was imperishable, and the courage and tenacity of those early pioneers, whose settlement was never wholly dispersed, inspired future Empire builders to vast and romantic enterprise. The will to win was proved once and for all to be the vital factor in the birth of a nation, and by its dictates transport was improved, railways were flung into the wilderness, and trade expanded from a simple matter of fur and beads to the interchange of all the necessities of civilisation with most of the countries of the globe.

We, too, have difficulties which differ from those of the pioneers only in direction and degree, and not at all from the point of view of method of attack.

In the purely physical sense, for example, Canada will yet have need for Red River pioneers. Very rightly the migration of settlers is dictated by the power of the Dominion to absorb, and at the present moment saturation point has temporarily been reached. That this is so is due to world causes to the adjustment of which a wise Imperial policy would substantially contribute. In the future as in the past it will be the migrant with the big heart and the stiff upper lip who will carry on the traditions of the early Empire builders. The time for good men and true is not over. There are new fields to conquer and in that conquest the pioneer will be aided by facilities denied to his forebears.

THE PIONEER SPIRIT.

In the meantime it would be as well to emphasise again that when migration recommences Canada will have no use for the sniveller and the faint-heart. His woes have already filled the scare-Press and obliterated the annals of the silent successes. So let us see to it that when the time comes the migrants from the Old Country will be men indeed—or boys with manly outlook and healthy mind. The same pioneer spirit, too, must animate our industrialists and our legislators. If we hang back now, if we turn tail and flee before our difficulties, if we do not take our stand once and for all on a demand for fuller and freer Empire intercourse, the chance may never come again. We require the Selkirk spirit in finance and politics just now.

INDUSTRIAL POTENTIALITIES.

Canada is eager to develop her trade with the Old Country and the other portions of the Empire, and indicates thereby a clear path through the morasses of fiscal and political controversy. There are huge industrial fields which modern financial Red River pioneers may explore and exploit. The population of Canada is merely 10,000,000, yet she leads the world in agricultural output; ranks second among the manufacturing countries of the Empire; stands fifth among nations in general trade returns; first in per capita wealth, and first in respect of the exports of wheat, newsprint paper, nickel, and asbestos.

These are impressive records achieved by resource and courage and faith, but the potentialities of the Dominion have scarcely yet been tapped. Where are our pioneers? I am not anti-American, but I am pro-Empire, and I do not like to hear that there are 1,500 American branch factories in Canada as compared with Britain's handful. Nor am I inspired by the fact that during the past fiscal year trade between the Dominion and the Old Country increased by 4½ per cent. as compared with 15 per cent. between Canada and the United States. The latest available figures show that Canada imports yearly £40,000,000 of British goods as compared with £140,000,000 from the States, while equally significant is the fact that of capital investments in Canada over 20 per cent. are in American money as compared with the Old Country's fourteen.

CALL OF ADVENTURE.

There is something wrong here. Fiscal adjustments can and must be made to alter this state of affairs, but the real secret of Empire unity lies in a revival of the spirit of the pioneers.

Let our young men obey the call of adventure when the time is ripe; let our politicians be inspired by it at the present hour; let our industrialists launch into Imperial enterprise; let our citizens do their parts by purchasing Imperially as and when they can. I may be accused of having talked platitudes. If all truth is platitude, then I plead guilty, but I feel I have spoken truth none the less. Our Empire, as I have said, is at the cross-roads. God grant we choose the path of wisdom and of high chivalry!

WILLIAM WATSON.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN TESTIMONIAL.

THE GREAT TRADITION.

By CLARENCE WINCHESTER.

In the midst of a civilisation that lauds oddities and countenances breaches of taste with inexplicable indifference it is refreshing to recall that a voice belonging to our great English tradition of poetic expression may still be heard by those who have ears to hear. The voice is now a quiet one—a whispering among the blatant noises that would destroy our sensibility to truth—but it is none the less important for that. Indeed, the contrast would seem to magnify its importance and force us to realise that beneath the modern babblings there is still a real poetic fervour that lives on regardless of the post-war passion for novelty.

William Watson, knighted for his services to literature, a poet of eminence who is not widely known to the present generation, is now the subject of a public testimonial supported by representatives of the arts and sciences. The brutal truth is that a great poet, old and sick and familiar with poverty, has been scandalously neglected for many years, though the enthusiastic response received by the promoters of the manifesto in obtaining signatories to the appeal is proof that there is still an awareness of Watson's true place in letters.

When it was first my good fortune to get close to the voice of this singer the whispering vanished, and, in clear and resonant tones, the poet re-emphasised to me the beauty of the classical tradition of English verse, causing me to wonder why my own generation should not eagerly seek the salve that such a voice can give. Our meeting took place in Sussex, where the coast line is typical of the real English spirit, white and resisting but not devoid of a certain warmth, and it seemed right that such a poet as Sir William Watson should live there. True, so much of his life has been spent by the Lakes, a fertile area for poetry; but here, on the edge of downland and sea, he seemed not out of place even though Yorkshire blood has flowed in his veins for over seventy-two years. A poet of his stature, however, is too big for the narrow boundaries of county; he is just English and ageless.

A STRIKING PERSONALITY.

His personality at once conveys the stateliness of diction that marks so much of his work—a quality displayed particularly by "Wordsworth's Grave"—the poem that brought recognition as long ago as 1887 and one that, as the poet with remarkable self-analytical skill points out, has received a disproportionate amount of attention relatively to the rest of his poetry. Beneath the quiet and dignified air of this memorial there lies a protest against the tendencies to form schools and cliques that would side-track the main purpose of English poetry and restrain its normal development.

It is against these tendencies that Watson has always stood so firmly. His outlook is one of quiet impatience with all attempts to shatter the true tradition, although he is aware that the pigmies may do their worst in vain and that the giants will stand for all time, occasionally beyond human vision, but returning when the light of truth is thrown upon them by the critical and discerning. His may be a quiet impatience, but underlying it is the ardour of conviction—as in his verse, which may be deceptive to those who cannot immediately detect in it the fire that burns more obviously in the work of some other poets.

FRIEND OF TENNYSON.

It was an impressive experience for me (I am of a younger generation) to speak intimately with a poet who knew Tennyson. He was 34 years of age when Tennyson died. With names now remote Watson is a living link, and to talk with him after having read his "Lacrimæ Musarum," his elegy of reverence for the contemporary master, is an experience not easily to be forgotten. The death of Tennyson made available the small Civil List pension that Mr. Gladstone then bestowed upon Watson; but the poet has been ill-rewarded for his work, and much suffering has, of late, been his. For this reason the two great English-speaking peoples, Britain and America, are now raising a fund in his honour and for his service.

Watson's voice speaks with the sureness that is part of our tradition. The courtesy of past days lingers in his clear and concise intonation and he displays a Victorian and enviable sincerity of purpose. There is a grandeur about him that younger men inevitably associate with one of the greatest literary periods in English history.

Patriot he still is and one broad enough not to be denied freedom to criticise things that he has loved; lyricist, political poet, philosopher and critic—with a mental alertness not dimmed at all by the seventy-two years of battle. He deserves better than he has had for he has passed the autumn of his life in suffering. It was of autumn itself that he wrote:—

> Stilled is the virgin rapture that was June,
> And cold is August's panting heart of fire;
> And in the storm-dismantled forest choir
> For thine own elegy thy winds attune
> Their wild and wizard lyre:
> And poignant grows the charm of thy decay,
> The pathos of thy beauty, and the sting,
> Thou parable of greatness vanishing!
> For me, thy woods of gold and skies of grey
> With speech fantastic ring.

And if this is not poetry, then nothing is.

AUCTIONS & ESTATES.

TRANSITION OF BERKELEY SQUARE.

Fifteen houses, occupying the greater part of the eastern side of Berkeley Square and the southern side of Bruton Street, are to be included in the Berkeley Square auction which will be held by Knight, Frank and Rutley in their Hanover Square Rooms on Thursday. An area of 54,460 square feet and valuable shopping frontages of 539 ft. will come under the hammer.

At Hanover Square to-morrow, Knight, Frank and Rutley will offer Elston House, Shrewton, Wilts, with the racing stables and model stud farm, extending to some 82 acres. There is accommodation for over twenty horses in training. Excellent private gallops on the downs are held on lease. On Thursday they will also submit the Moorlands Hotel, Hindhead, a freehold and fully licensed property, with six acres.

On Thursday, White and Sons, of Dorking, will offer by auction at the Red Lion Hotel, Dorking, a secluded freehold country estate, Fredley, Mickleham, near Dorking, overlooking the valley of the Mole and the country to Leith Hill. The sale will comprise 80 acres of gardens and well wooded park land.

Deacon and Allen will be submitting for sale by auction during November the lease of the small residence, 14, Albion Street, W.2, and at the same time the modernised freehold bijou residence, 8, Edge Street; also 10, Edge Street; and by order of the mortgagees the modern freehold residence, 5, Gloucester Walk, Campden Hill, W.8. During January they will offer cottage property and a quantity of agricultural land at Askett, Princes Risborough, in conjunction with Reginald G. Meadows.

Sir Austen Chamberlain has instructed Knight, Frank and Rutley to offer by auction his country house Twitts Ghyll, near Mayfield, in Sussex. Situated over 400 ft. above the sea, the house is a beautiful example of a timber-framed Sussex homestead of the Elizabethan period. The gardens include a notable yew-tree, estimated to be over 600 years old, a rock garden, also orchard and paddocks. The property extends to about 9 acres.

Sir Archibald and Lady Weigall have decided to sell the freehold of their town house, 39, Hill Street, Mayfair, and particulars may be obtained from Knight, Frank and Rutley.

Upon the instructions of the executors of the late Commodore H. Douglas King, Deacon and Allen have sold by private treaty the town residence, 2, Hyde Park Square. Invermark, Upper Warlingham, Surrey, a freehold residential property in finely timbered grounds, has been sold by Gordon Prior and Goodwin in conjunction with Edwards and Forrester, Croydon.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL.

HISTORY IN STONES.

TUESDAY'S REOPENING.

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

After ten years of effort, involving an expenditure of approximately £175,000, the restoration of the historic Garter Chapel of St. George's, Windsor, has now been completed, and the reopening service is to take place at noon on Tuesday. The King, as head of the Order, and the Queen, as its Lady, will be present for the service, and the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, and Prince George will be among the other Royal Knights present.

The restoration of this ancient building within the precincts of one of the official homes of the Kings of England, and breathing the history of our country over a period of more than 500 years, has been made possible by the generosity of three men—Lord Woolavington, the late Viscount Cowdray, and the late Mr. F. G. Minter—to whom the Chapter, and, indeed, the nation, are much indebted. But rightly to appreciate the value of their gifts one must consider exactly what part this fine old building, with its rich treasures of architecture and decoration, has played in our national story.

STORY OF THE CHAPEL.

The Order of the Garter was established by Edward III. in 1349, providing for the creation of twenty-six Knights, twenty-six Poor Knights, and twenty-six Clergy and Choristers. Its original home was an old chapel which stood where the Albert Memorial Chapel now stands, and its entrance, with beautiful wrought iron doors, is still preserved in the East wall of the present building. When Edward IV. succeeded it became one of his ambitions to build a new home for the Order, and this he did at the West end of the old one, making the latter into the Lady Chapel. He did not, however, live to see his task completed, and although the beautiful choir and the nave were finished during his lifetime, it remained for Henry VII. to finish the vaulting and the transept, and then for Henry VIII. to add those final touches, leaving the building practically as we know it to-day. Queen Victoria had Wolsey's Chapel, in which the great Cardinal had hoped, in the days of his highest successes, to be buried, decorated and restored in memory of the Prince Consort, the Duke of Clarence, and Prince Leopold.

The Chapel endured until the reign of Charles II., when it was found to be in need of considerable repair, and Sir Christopher Wren was called in to investigate. Part of his recommendations were carried out, but an evident shortage of money prevented a thorough restoration, and in the middle of the eighteenth century a further scheme was undertaken. Unhappily the then architects, instead of dealing radically, as they should have done, with the decay, merely covered the exterior with cement and the interior with plaster. The principal defects were thus hidden, and nobody realised their full measure. Shortly before the war the architect to the Dean and Chapter became anxious about the safety of the vaulting, and urged strongly a drastic scheme of repair. The war prevented its execution; but restoration actually began early in 1921, and its completion has, it is believed, secured the safety of the building for a long time, if not for ever.

TOMB OF KINGS.

In its early days St. George's was a veritable treasure house, but, like most of the religious houses, it has suffered in its history from the looters and the vandals. During the Reformation Henry VIII. took many of its most valuable possessions, but while the Stuarts were on the throne others, including some fine plate, were secured, and these again were removed during the Commonwealth. But the Cromwellians left behind a Henry VII. dish, two flagons, chalices and pattens, which, with some fine examples of Charles II.'s and William and Mary's time, are still carefully preserved.

With the passing of the Chapel of the Golden Fleece in Brussels, St. George's is now the only chapel in the world dedicated to an order of chivalry. The bodies of many Sovereigns of England lie within its walls, but there is a monument to only one—the late King Edward VII. Here are, however, the remains of at least one king from every reigning dynasty since the Chapel was established. They include those of Henry VI., who was a Lancastrian; Edward IV., who was a Yorkist; Henry VIII., who was a Tudor; Charles I., who was a Stuart; George III., who was a Hanoverian; and Edward VII., who represented the house of Guelph, now Windsor.

TO-DAY'S EVENTS.

THE CHURCHES.

St. Paul's Cathedral.—10.30: Rev. J. W. Moyle; 3.15: Rev. O. C. Quick; 7: Canon Brook-Jackson.

Westminster Abbey.—10.15: Rev. F. L. Donaldson; 3: Rev. R. Gardner; 6.30: The Bishop of Manchester.

Southwark Cathedral.—11: Canon Haldane; 6.30: Rev. W. R. Foster.

Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks.—11 and 6.30: Rev. C. Egerton Chadwick.

Chapel of the Savoy.—11.15 and 6: Rev. H. B. Chapman.

All Saints', Margaret Street.—11.15: The Bishop of Colombo; 6: Rev. G. D. Rosenthal.

St. Margaret's, Westminster. 11: Canon Carnegie; 7: Rev. Eustace Jervis.

Christ Church, Down Street.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Farran.

Christ Church, St. Marylebone, Cosway Street.—11: Rev. E. J. Dent; 3.15 and 6.30: Rev. T. G. Brierley Kay.

Holy Trinity, Sloane Street.—11.15: Rev. C. Cheshire; 3: Rev. Dr. Dearmer; 6.30: Rev. E. C. Summers.

Priory Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield.—11: Canon Savage; 6.30: Musical Service.

St. Anne's, Soho.—11.30 and 6.30: Rev. B. G. Bourchier.

St. George's, Hanover Square.—11: The Archdeacon of Middlesex; 6.30: Rev. A. V. Dixon.

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THE WEEK AT WESTMINSTER.

A BORED HOUSE.

BLOW TO PARLIAMENTARY PRESTIGE.

By "A STUDENT OF POLITICS."

One speaker remarked in the week that the King's Speech was of interest mainly to the Abyssinians who obtain honourable mention in it. Except Mr. Ben Turner, who thinks that it is the best King's Speech this century, no one has had a good word to say for its contents all Wednesday and Thursday. The mover and seconder on Tuesday were more or less polite about it, but they were careful to keep at nodding distance, and the two speakers on Friday who did not attack it were rather abusive to the critics than complimentary to the Speech itself.

No King's Speech for a generation has had so bad a reception or so little active support from the Ministerialists. And yet, though attack should make for interesting debate, the House thus early in the session has hardly been able to conceal the fact that it is already rather bored with itself. But a bored House of Commons is almost a self contradiction, for assuredly the times in which we live and the issues which Parliament could influence if the party system would let it are anything but boring. Rather are they intensely exciting and momentous.

The trouble with the House of Commons is not that there is any lack of things to say and do but that the Government and the balance of parties stand between them and reality. Parliament is more and more like a cage each session. To say that is not to deny that there are many interesting varieties of opinion in the House or that some of them were not well expressed last week, but only to deplore defects of the Parliamentary gearing between debate and reality outside.

AN UNREAL EXISTENCE.

The melancholy fact is that an unbroken chorus of disapproval all the week makes precious little difference to the Government. The Government knows that the country is tired of it, and that it stands for very little that pleases those who vote for it, but it goes on because it is convenient for the Party machines that it should, and for no other reason. It is very damaging to Parliamentary prestige that this should be so. Mr. Fenner Brockway said on Friday that Parliamentary institutions were in danger of falling into contempt, and that the time was coming when an apathetic public would not take the trouble to vote for any existing Party, but would divide itself into opposing Fascist and Communistic camps, both deadly enemies of the Parliamentary spirit. There is something in what he says.

The truth is that if Parliament were absolutely free it would get rid of the Government by an overwhelming majority without dissolving itself. If that were possible, Parliamentary Government would be a reality. There is good stuff in this Parliament, and if it could get rid of the Government and talk about our present state as freely as the last Parliament discussed the Prayer Book, its reputation would go bounding up and political hope would spring up again in the country. More's the pity that that is at present constitutionally impossible.

THE OLD HANDS.

The old hands have not been active last week. Mr. Baldwin spoke, but the best passages in the speech were in the nature of obituary; Mr. Lloyd George made one of his clever speeches, the meaning of which, apart from the well-phrased observations on Palestine, was that he had not sold himself yet to Labour, that it must be a cash not a credit transaction, and that he must see the Electoral Reform Bill first; Mr. MacDonald made a speech which was designed to make a blur, and more or less succeeded. The one thing that he made clear is that he thinks taxing the people's food is too good an election slogan to part with. The promise of Electoral Reform was the only surprise of the King's Speech, and no one yet knows what it means. Mr MacDonald said that it would be a Bill to control those who had too much money to keep within the law at election times, but whether that is the naked and defiant truth, or whether it is the camouflage of a mind still imperfectly made up, remains to be seen.

Generally, the mood of the Government seemed slightly truculent, and the truculence had spread by Friday even to Mr. Clynes, who was quite militaristic in his sabre-rattling on the coming Trades Disputes Bill. Evidently Government minds are hopeful on the prospect of a General Election on food taxes, and the supposed disabilities of trade unions under the 1927 Act, which is to do the same duty as the old Osborn judgments which made the existing Labour Party.

A YOUNG MEN'S WEEK.

In the main, however, it has been a young men's week. Major Elliot spoke second from the Conservative Opposition in the debate on the Address, and launched into a vigorous criticism of Unemployed Insurance policy, especially on its financial side. He was followed at intervals by Mr. Oliver Stanley (less effective than usual, perhaps, because he spoke too fast) and Mr. T. J. O'Connor, who, though he does not use the words, has strong Coalition leanings. Probably the Coalitionists in sentiment are a great deal stronger in the Conservative Party than is commonly supposed. On the other side of the House we had Sir Oswald Mosley and Mr. Maxton, both still young men, and both speaking as representatives of the modern spirit. It was curious to note that there is a solid bridge of political thought between Labour men like Sir Oswald Mosley and Mr. Oliver Stanley.

Mr. Maxton's last abuse of his leaders is to accuse them of being Liberals in disguise. Settling people on the land, site values, extending the age of education have all the authentic Liberal tack; and then, of course, he went on to demand some evidence of the genuine post-war Socialistic spirit. If you are going to be a sort of Liberal Government, why aren't you honest enough to say so, so that we genuine Socialists can part company from you? Sir Oswald Mosley said much the same, only in the language of economics; he professes impartial contempt for both Free Trade and Protection, but is, in fact, a Protectionist with the pills coloured a pink that will soon come off. This school of Labour Protectionists does, at any rate, recognise that all is not well with British trade and commerce and that we have a problem of immense difficulty to face.

SOCIALISTS AND TAXATION.

Another school—represented by those who spoke for the Socialist motion on Friday, think that there is not much wrong with us, except that taxation is not nearly high enough. Mr. Fenner Brockway elaborated this proposition. Higher taxation makes prosperity by increasing the spending power of the many; and, of course, the more the many spend the less unemployment there will be. In much the same way no doubt did the professors of Lagado extract sunbeams from cucumbers.

One ought not to end without mentioning the tributes paid from all sides to the memory of Lord Thomson and of Sir Lonsdale Webster, the late Clerk of the House. Decadent as Parliament is, there is still more genuine affection within its walls than within the walls of most clubs.

Having reached the conclusion that a general tariff is necessary as a stimulus to industry and an aid to revenue I should prefer to see it carried out at one stroke rather than to see it built up piecemeal by a number of safeguarding duties.—Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, M.P.

IRISH FREE STATE

THE NEXT ELECTION.

LABOUR'S PLATFORM.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DUBLIN, Saturday.

On many occasions I have been compelled to refer to the lack of reality in the programmes of our two chief political parties. The cleavage has been mainly that of the Treaty and anti-Treaty, and metaphysical abstractions about oaths and documents have taken the place of the more practical and predatory issues that generally divide contending parties. Up to a point this has been a blessing in disguise, for these idealists have served to distract public attention and delay disturbing experiments in economic and social legislation.

This is now to cease, and an alternative programme within the Treaty, which some have long desired, has at last appeared. It is provided by the Labour Party, and is launched in ample time to soak into the public mind before the next election. It is a production that might well be expected from political theorists working in vacuo, with a clean slate, oblivious to the strength of what already exists, to prejudices and vested interests. It is, however, interesting as an effort in selectivity and imagination. Doubtless not wholly satisfied with the conditions in any one State—not even Soviet Russia—the framers of the scheme proceed to pick out the more attractive items from all countries and blend them into a synthetic scheme from which a new world is to emerge.

The programme will be found to embrace many old friends and familiar phrases. Its keynote is the service of the State, but inasmuch as we are a country of small individualistic proprietors to whom undiluted Socialism is unlikely to appeal, the hook has to be adroitly baited. It is proposed to raise State capital to assist private industry to secure a monopoly of essential services, which are to be managed as National service corporations, "rationalised, nationalised and humanised." The capital for this Fascist-cum-Soviet phantom is to be found by an additional tax on "foreign" investments, but lest taxpayers should be alarmed, the proceeds of this tax are to be exchanged for National corporation scrip secured on the profits of enterprise. By this means it is hoped to raise large sums to meet the needs of home industry without injustice to the taxpayer.

ANGLING FOR THE FARMERS' VOTE.

Labour has always been weak in the country districts, and this time a real effort is made to attract the agricultural vote. There is to be a National Grain Board, with guaranteed prices for wheat and barley, and presumably other commodities, if circumstances so require. The dressed meat industry, with the usual picturesque subsidiaries of leather, glue and buttons, is to be revived by the curious expedient of a "small" export tax on cattle, which will be more than compensated by an assumed but unexplained rise in cattle prices.

This is a mere outline of what the Labour Party offers as a rest from political agitation and as proof that the Treaty imposes no limit on national progress. It is unlikely to make much appeal outside the small section of trade unions and political intelligentsia, and neither of the main parties need be alarmed by this new development.

FARMERS AND PROTECTION.

Far more serious is the farmers' cry for prohibition of all competing imports, which is being pushed with minatory vigour and will be considered shortly by a special convention. Mr. Hogan even came back from the Imperial Conference and appeared at a public meeting in Carlow to deal with the matter. He pointed out that after allowing for all imports that we might produce at home we still have an exportable surplus of 28 millions—some 40 per cent. of our total production—and that no measure of protection can possibly, under such circumstances, help the home producer. On behalf of the Government he flatly refused to adopt any scheme of general tariffs on food, and told the farmers that the machinery of the Tariff Commission was in existence and at their disposal. He further added that the policy of his party was to keep taxes and rates at the lowest possible level, to grade up quality, increase production, reduce overhead charges, and so help the farmer to keep down costs and compete in world markets.

DE-RATING.

At the present time a commission is considering the question of de-rating. But producers in distress do not want argument or long views, they want immediate relief, and this they hope to get by this embargo on imports. The free market which now exists acts as a safeguard to the consumer and tends to keep us on a level with world prices. If the grain growers obtained the monopoly they now seek, producers could themselves control the home market and fix prices at any level they considered economic. No Government could allow this, and the inevitable corollary of such a scheme would be State control, officials, political interference in business and every kind of confusion and uncertainty. At the same time there is no need to be too seriously alarmed by this eruption of the grain growers' volcano which is always active. Their influence is local and limited. Large numbers of farmers grow no grain for sale and want cheap feeding stuffs at any cost. They will, when it comes to the test, refuse to be sacrificed to bolster up a mere sectional interest. We cannot escape the effects of the world slump, but we are in a far healthier and happier condition than most countries.

OUR PARIS LETTER

CHAMBER REOPENS.

RADICAL DISILLUSIONMENT

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

Following, after a week's interval, the example of the British Parliament, the French Chamber and Senate reassemble next Tuesday. A month or so ago there was a strong impression that the opening of the session would see a dangerous attack launched on the Tardieu Government. The Prime Minister, it will be recalled, sent Parliament away on its holidays in July very abruptly, and the Left in consequence swore to have his head on the first occasion. The Radical Congress at Grenoble, which took place in the middle of last month, showed clearly, too, that M. Herriot and his friends, tired of being in opposition, want to turn the Government out and put themselves in its place.

This agreeable dream has, however, been somewhat rudely disturbed by that realist, M. Léon Blum, Leader of the Socialist Party. M. Blum is quite ready to help the Radicals overthrow the Government, but he very pertinently asks them what they propose to do then. Alone they cannot govern. To cooperate with the groups immediately on their Right who form part of the present Government majority they are quite prepared. But in order to be able to live, a Government so composed would require Socialist support, and M. Blum has told the Radicals clearly that this would be forthcoming only so long as the centre of gravity, and hence the policy, of any such Government lay with the Left. In other words, such a Cabinet would be at the mercy of the Socialists, and would be something very like the old Cartel.

If, on the other hand, the Radicals dispense with Socialist support, they must extend their co-operation much further toward the Right, a solution inacceptable both to the latter and the Radicals themselves. Hence this famous "concentration" is proving rather troublesome for M. Herriot and his supporters, and the difficulties of its practical realisation may perhaps damp somewhat the ardour of their destructive Parliamentary activity.

M. TARDIEU'S POSITION.

The general impression to-day is in fact that M. Tardieu's chances for remaining in power are a good deal rosier than they seemed before the Grenoble Congress. The session will almost certainly begin with interpellations on foreign affairs and possibly aviation. For the Air Ministry, and M. Laurente Eynac at its head, have recently been the target for much criticism. M. Franklin Bouillon is to be the leader of the attack on M Briand in the debate on foreign policy. With M. Franklin Bouillon one never knows what may happen. He is known to have been very carefully compiling his *dossiers*, stuffing them full with information which his friends would like to consider as damning for the Foreign Minister. But apart from the effects of such advance preparation he sometimes has the power of rousing the whole Chamber and on the spur of the moment carrying it with him on some totally unpremeditated course. Witness for instance the sitting in June, 1929, when by an emotional appeal he induced the Chamber to force the Government to ask the United States for a postponement of the payment of the War Stores Debt.

At present, however, the expectation is that M. Tardieu will get his majority all right at the Palais Bourbon, and it will then be the turn of the Senate—to which M Herriot is really looking to overthrow the Government—likewise to interpellate on foreign affairs and general policy. M. Tardieu, it is true, is not popular at the Luxembourg, where his methods are perhaps sometimes too modern to meet with the full approval of some of the more staid and elderly Senators. But in the Upper Assembly M. Poincaré wields very considerable influence, and this combined with other factors would seem to have improved considerably M. Tardieu's situation at the Luxembourg. Nothing in French politics is ever certain, but pending the actual reassembly of Parliament the odds in M. Tardieu's favour have risen perceptibly.

THE HANAU TRIAL.

It is quite a long time since Paris has had a *cause célèbre*. But the Hanau trial, which opened on Thursday, is likely to make up for this deficiency and to hold the boards of the judicial stage for many weeks to come. To recall all the details of the case would take as long as it took the act of accusation to be read. But roughly it will be remembered that Madame Hanau and certain other people—one of them her divorced husband, who subsequently came back into business with her—are accused of having, through the "Gazette du Franc," which she founded, swindled the French public of many hundreds of thousands of pounds. Madame Hanau, or "la Présidente," as she is familiarly known, is a very remarkable woman. Since the law put a stop to her financial activities in December 1928, she has had many spectacular experiences. Herself accused of swindling, she has had lawsuits against a blackmailer and an embezzling employee, and this energetic lady of 44 has come victoriously out of both. She did a most determined hunger strike in prison, and finally, in spite of her weakness, managed to escape from gaol, after which she was allowed to remain at liberty on bail.

Last, but not least, she has triumphantly induced her creditors to accept her undertakings that she will in due course repay them in full, and while awaiting trial has started a new journal, in which she does not hesitate to attack the established order of the financial world.

FORBIDDEN TIBET

AN ENGLISH LADY IN LHASSA.

By ANGLO-INDIAN.

An English lady in the sacred city of Lhassa, the capital of still mysterious Tibet, and not only that but received in audience by the Dalai Lama! Here is a double event which tells us that this Old World of ours has not yet lost all its surprises. And so to the story.

Some weeks ago the papers had a brief cable from India saying that Colonel Leslie Weir had arrived at Lhassa on a mission for the Government of India. He is Political President, or, in other words, the official representative in Sikkim of the Indian Government, which promoted him there from Kashmir. His knowledge of the languages and ways of the peoples on the Indian frontier no doubt recommended him for his most recent service to the Raj, in a state through which there passes an important route to Tibet and Lhassa.

Some account of Colonel Weir's journey thither has now reached London, and it contains the really dramatic news that he was accompanied by his wife, a lady whose gifts of mind and charm of character have made her very popular in Anglo-Indian society. She has been with her husband on other travels among the marches of India, but she probably never expected to be the first European woman to visit Lhassa and talk with His Holiness, the Dalai Lama.

Necessarily this journey was arduous, by reason of the roadless and almost trackless country which had to be crossed, and on account of the variations and vicissitudes of climate encountered on the way. Tibet lies between China and India, at such a Himalayan altitude that its average height above sea level is said to be that of Mont Blanc. It is in the latitude of Delhi, Cairo, Algiers and Naples, but its far-inland position and its elevation give it a cold, dry, very extreme climate.

Colonel and Mrs. Weir and their camp-followers were at altitudes of sixteen and seventeen thousand feet. That was the more trying because, after traversing the bitter uplands of Southern Tibet, they lived under canvas. On occasion they had to seek shelter from the storms in Tibetan villages, but the dirt and discomfort of these drove them back to their sodden, icy tents. A special danger had struck them when they were crossing the great Bramaputra River in yak-skin boats, for it was in angry flood, and it seemed as if the other bank would never be reached.

A ROYAL WELCOME.

At Lhassa an almost royal welcome awaited the travellers; gorgeously-clad officials from the Tibetan Government and the Dalai Lama, a regiment of soldiers led by a colourful General, a brass band which played emphatic music, and a huge crowd of the civil population. Probably the knowledge that a Memsahib, an English lady, a European woman, had at long last penetrated to Lhassa, had something to do with the bravery of the demonstration, and certainly with the curiosity of the citizens. They were vastly good-natured as well as curious, and the courtesy and attention of the Dalai Lama and those in authority, never ceased towards Colonel and Mrs. Weir. His Holiness and his entourage were wonderfully impressive, and the Potala, or palace, seemed to the strangers a vision of beauty. They were also captured by the beauty of Lhassa as a whole, thinking it a fit frame for its courtly Tibetan gentlemen and ladies.

Now Colonel Weir and his party, having successfully concluded this remarkable mission, are on their way back to Sikkim, where they will arrive this month, quietly enough. That is always characteristic of the British Raj in India, for, though the populace moves, he unassumingly goes on with his work, and never wants to find fame.

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Aesthetic Value of Modern Stamps.

Subject and Design.

By FRANK RUTTER.

LET me begin by confessing that I am no philatelist. Of rare issues, and of those accidental defects which give high monetary value to a stamp, I know nothing. But I travel about Europe a good deal, and wherever I go, I post and receive letters; and I cannot help noticing that some stamps are much more beautiful than others. Consequently, it is of the beauty of certain modern stamps that I now wish to write, and, incidentally, to point out that in this matter of beauty in stamps Great Britain has a good deal to learn from the stamps of other nations.

Technically, our stamps maintain an exceedingly high standard as examples of miniature engraving, but with the exception of a few stamps of high denominations they lack that variety of subject and interest in design which characterise stamps in current use in many other countries.

Portrait Stamps

My interest in this matter was first aroused in Italy by the issue of new stamps in connection with the Victor Emmanuel commemorations. The twenty cent red head of "Julius Cæsar" and the ten cent brown head of "Augustus" (Fig. 10), produced by the new collotype process, seem to me admirable examples of portrait stamps, clean and simple in design, and iconographically of historic interest. Of the highest artistic interest are the set of fourteen stamps issued by Spain this year to mark the centenary of the death of Goya. I reproduce the four pesetas pearl-grey showing his famous unconventional portrait of the Duchess of Alva, "La Maja" (Fig. 2), and it should be remembered that while the engraving of this stamp was the work of Dr. Jose Sanchez Toda, the printing was done by a British firm, Messrs. Waterlow and Sons.

The choice of these Goya designs was left to Senor Sanchez Gerona, Professor at the National Academy of Fine Arts, and when considering these and other anniversary stamps it is impossible not to regret that England allowed 1927 to pass by without issuing any Gainsborough stamps to mark the bicentenary of that great artist's birth. Again, why have we not had this year some Wedgwood stamp to honour the master-potter whose anniversary we have otherwise been celebrating?

A Greek Map-Stamp.

Surely Great Britain loses a great deal, both materially and morally, by neglecting to mark events and anniversaries as other nations do. The issue of a special stamp on special occasions is not only a matter that concerns stamp-collectors, but an easy and striking way of reminding a nation, and indeed the whole world, of some achievement in the historic past or some memorable event of the present day. Greece this year celebrates the centenary of her independence, and how better could she illustrate the way in which she has so far fulfilled her legitimate ambitions than by the issue of that admirable four drachma blue map-stamp (Fig. 9) in which her territory in 1830 and 1930 is so effectively contrasted? This stamp, which so delightfully displays the pictorial quality in maps, was also recess-printed by a British firm, Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co.

By Air-Mail.

If England has allowed her air achievements to go unrecorded in the post, other countries have not, and the issue of air-stamps opens out a new field to the collector who here has an opportunity to begin at the beginning of things. Pride of place among these, both artistically and historically, must be given to the U.S. $1.30c. brown Graf Zeppelin (Fig. 1), which was issued, with two others, on April 19, 1930, for the flight of the first Europe-Pan-America round trip of the Graf Zeppelin, which carried twenty passengers and 200,000 letters and postcards. Another notable Graf Zeppelin stamp is the German 4 mark brown (Fig. 4) issued to frank letters taken by the airship L.Z.127 from Friedrichshafen to New York, October 7-16, 1928. The companion stamp 2 RM. blue of the same design was used for franking postcards.

Most countries now issue special air-stamps and many of these have great beauty in their design. Attention may be directed to the handsome Danish 1 Kr. brown (Fig. 8), issued October 24, 1929, designed by Axel Jensen, and surface-printed by Thiele and Co., Copenhagen. The Swiss 35 cent. brown (Fig. 5), issued July 6, 1929, is also to be commended for the simplicity and expressiveness of its design.

Beauty at a Low Cost.

There is no greater fallacy than to imagine that the artistic value of a stamp necessarily involves a very costly process of reproduction. The æsthetic value of a stamp depends almost entirely on its design, and not on the process used to repeat the design. A good example of beauty obtained at a low cost is the Italian 40 cent. violet (Fig. 6), issued in connection with the St. Francis of Assisi commemorations. This stamp, which illustrates the Church and Monastery of St. Damien, was designed and typographed from woodcuts by F. Blasi. Present-day Russia is also using wood-blocks extensively for stamps, and her 5,000 brown (Fig. 7) may be cited as evidence that a cheap method of reproduction is no bar to an effective and artistic conception in design.

A Fine Heraldic Design.

Discontent with the dullness of our ordinary stamps is intensified when we realise the fine results which we can, on occasion, achieve. I believe that most stamp-experts would agree that one of the very finest stamps ever produced was our One Pound Congress (Fig. 3), issued on May 10, 1929, for the Postal Union Congress. This really magnificent heraldic design is the work of Mr. Harold Nelson, and about 70,000 examples, I am told, were recess-printed by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co., from a plate of their own manufacture. Both artistically and technically this is a stamp of which we may well be proud. But few of us can afford to spend a pound when we want to put something really beautiful on our envelopes, and in view of what other countries are doing it is surely not too much to hope that in the near future Great Britain may show more enterprise, more variety, more sense of history, and a greater appreciation of beauty in her issue of new stamps of low denominations for common use.

1.—The $1.30c. brown U.S. Graf Zeppelin. 2.—Spain 4 pesetas, pearl grey. 3.—Great Britain £1, Congress. 4.—German Graf Zeppelin, 4 RM., brown. 5.—Swiss 35c. brown Air Mail. 6.—Italy 40c. violet St. Francis of Assisi Commemoration. 7.—Russia 5,000 R. brown. 8.—Denmark Air Mail, 1 kr. brown. 9.—Greece 4 Drachma, blue. 10.—Italy, 10 c., brown (Augustus).

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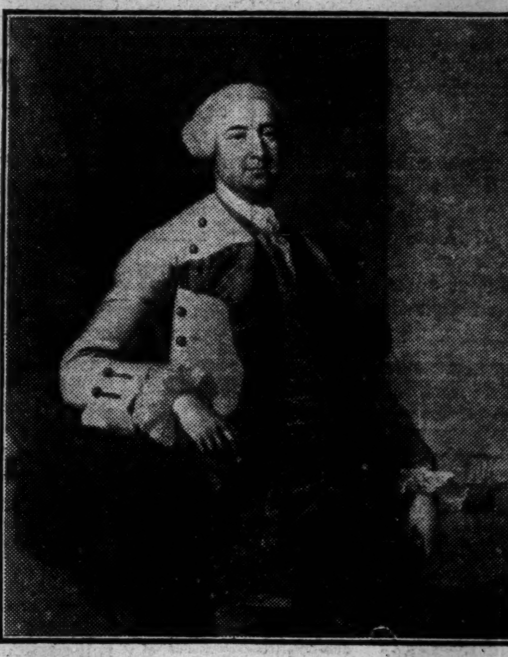

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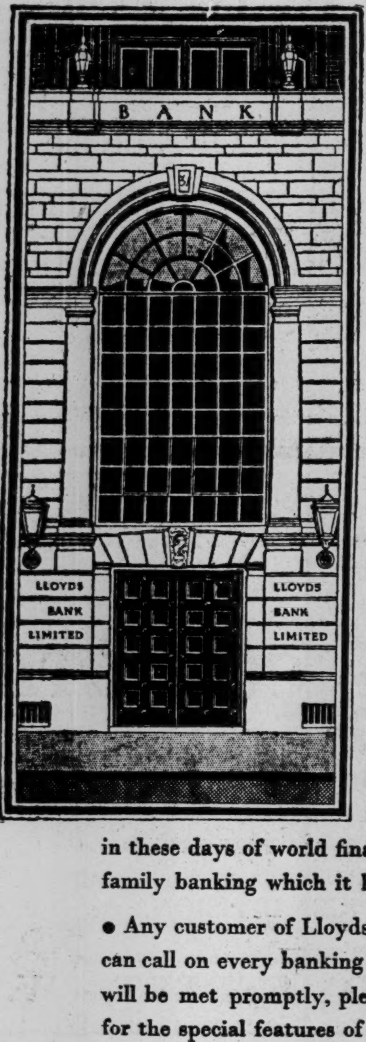

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By E. V. LUCAS.

"Will you not," a reader asks, "say something in praise of tiny things?" But surely.

> Look in my eyes, my blushing fair,
> You'll see yourself reflected there;
> And when I look in yours I see
> Two little miniatures of me. . . .

The wrong end of the telescope has always had a fascination for me, and as a child I spent more time in peering through it than through the other; and I still, whenever I am in the company of an amateur photographer, rejoice to study the landscape as revealed and concentrated by his finder; a far better use to which to put a camera than to obtain colourless portraits of the members of picnic parties. If only the vivid scenes which the finder gives us could be fixed for ever and Aunt Henrietta's features fade swiftly from sight! How exciting it was when we went to the camera obscura at the earthly end of the old Chain Pier and watched the little creatures called visitors-to-Brighton moving hither and thither! The world almost literally dwindled to an orange then. Simple joys, now no more.

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But though camera obscuras are seldom now to be found, much of a child's life is still spent among miniature counterfeits. Tin soldiers would not be half so attractive if one had never seen a live one; and the fun of a dolls' house is that it is a recognisable reduction of a real home. Although those edifices are nominally intended for sisters, it would not surprise me to learn that few brothers have been able to refrain from them. My own speciality was framing and hanging pictures, and in the process of this self-imposed duty I am sure I disgracefully crowded out the rightful owner again and again.

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In our own day I suppose that the greatest triumph achieved by the minifier is the dolls' house designed for the Queen by Sir Edwin Lutyens, which is now lodged in its own apartment in Windsor Castle. I have not seen it there, but when it was in the making I was privileged to peep behind the scenes and handle some of its marvels, chief of which I think are the pair of guns made by Purdey expressly for the King—the first dolls' house, I should imagine, to be thus supplied—and the cellar of wines, all in their labelled bottles. The popularity of the Queen's dolls' house as a permanent spectacle and of Sir Nevile Wilkinson's Titania's Palace on its tour about the country proves the attraction which the very little holds even for those who nominally are grown up; and now all of us who like these "winsome wee things" are to have a special treat, for an exhibition of them opens to-morrow at Dudley House.

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There is a point, however, where minuteness fails to attract me, and where I find myself in disagreement with one whose taste in other things, and certainly in Court painters, would surely have been shared by me—King Philip IV. of Spain. For Philip liked dwarfs. "Let there be men about me who are wee," he said, and, having obtained them, he instructed Velasquez to depict them. Frederick the Great, it will be remembered, favoured giants, and if I were a monarch I think I should like to see sentinels of enormous height and strength at the gate; I should sleep the sounder for them. But dwarfs, no. Not long ago, in Berlin's Luna Park, I found a side-show called "Lilliput Town," or some such name, where all the inhabitants were dwarfs, living apparently quite normal lives in their little houses, into which we were allowed to stare. It is true I walked all through this strange settlement, this travestied world, but shudderingly.

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I don't know why an exhibited dwarf should be so antipathetic to me, where an exhibited giant, if not exactly alluring, does not repel. I saw one of each together not long since at a French fair—their photographic group is before me as I write—M. Raymond, the Jurassien Colossus, "the man the most gross in the world"; and M. Robert, "the man the most tiny in the world." M. Raymond, from the Juras, was of a vast corpulence and a smiling geniality, reposing, negligent and amused, in an armchair; M. Robert was a pert, witty little demon, hardly higher than a walking stick. in a top hat and evening dress. Had the giant been alone I should have gone again to see him. Perhaps it is the dwarfs' ageing faces that make one recoil. As children they might be attractive, but we don't see them until they are mature and shrewish.

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In this attitude I am probably lonely, if not alone, unless the world has much changed since the vogue of Borulwaski, the Polish pigmy, who fascinated England a century and more ago. Only thirty-nine inches high, he was a man of considerable ability and personal beauty. He died in 1837, and is buried at Durham. In the same year was born the greatest (if I may use the term) modern dwarf, Charles Stratton, better known as General Tom Thumb, who on his first visit to England swept the country and incidentally caused the death of that wayward man of genius, Benjamin Robert Haydon, for, while Tom Thumb was drawing £600 a week in one room of the old Egyptian Hall, poor Haydon's classic composition, "The Banishment of Aristides," on view in another, could only take £7 13s. In his mortification, the artist took his own life. That was in 1844; the triumphant General (whose height never exceeded thirty-one inches) married the almost equally abbreviated Lavinia Warren, and lived on until 1883.

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There is a good story of Tom Thumb and Lablache, the French singer, a man of unusual magnitude, who was acting in London at the time of the General's second visit, in 1857, and chanced to stay at the same hotel. To this hotel, on the morning of the day on which Tom Thumb was to return to America, came hastily a lady of some importance, who said that she had been out of England during his tour, and, since she would never forgive herself if she missed him altogether, begged to be allowed just a glimpse. The request was granted, but, as it chanced, the page-boy led her, not to the sitting-room of the illustrious dwarf, but to that of the famous French operatic star. When the door was opened and she saw his immense figure, she stepped back, exclaiming: "It's not possible that you are Tom Thumb!" "But certainly, Madame," said Lablache. "Absurd!" she replied: "Tom Thumb is a little man, a dwarf." "Only in his public appearances, I assure you," said Lablache; "when I am alone I put myself at my ease."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Painting of Westminster Abbey.

Sir,—According to the catalogue of the 1911 exhibition at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, the picture referred to by Mr. Lawrence E. Tanner in your last issue was "Lent by the Warden and Council of Toynbee Hall."

Toynbee Hall is, I think, in Commercial Street, Whitechapel.

Brondesbury. T. W. TYRRELL.

Palmerston and Bright.

Sir,—Apropos the publication of John Bright's diaries, Palmerston, who knew so well how to handle the Commons, on one occasion incensed the House, I believe, by referring to Bright as the honourable and reverend member!

Will some student of politics be so good as to state what policy was under discussion at Westminster when the above-mentioned incident is alleged to have taken place?

Upper Norwood, S.E. R. HART MAZE.

Anno Vergilii MM.

Sir,—I submit the following hexameters as suitable to the Vergilian bimillennium:—

> Vergilius cantu famam renovavit Homeri:—
> Carminibus nomen renovavit Dante Maronis:—
> Ergo postque magisque virorum gloria claret.

The last line is a quotation from Ennius recorded by Cicero, "De Senectute," but substituting the word "viorum" for "viri nunc." Another version has "plusque" for "postque," but I believe the latter is the original MSS. reading.

Hampstead. H. W. SAW.

Longevity.

Sir,—Probably your readers will regard this record as interesting. The cashier of my firm, whose funeral took place this week at the age of over 82, once informed me that he remembered the funeral of his grandfather at the age of 93, in the year 1854. Thus two lives have covered a period of 175 years, and extended back to the time when George III. had just come to be King. I may add that our cashier was at the office discharging his duties with perfect efficiency until just eight weeks ago. He had been with us fifty-seven years.

Liverpool. H. L.

Queen Victoria and Gladstone.

Sir,—The incident referred to by "A. T. B." was told to me many years ago by a very prominent statesman of that time, but with an important variation from the version which your correspondent has evidently read, though I have not seen any published account of the happening.

My informant stated that Disraeli, on being asked how it was that he got on with Queen Victoria and Mr. Gladstone did not, replied, "I remember that the Queen is a woman; Mr. Gladstone treats her as though she were a public meeting."

ALBERT H. WILKERSON.
Earl's Court, S.W.

Doyen of the Cantabs.

Sir,—I have been puzzled by a statement made by your Cambridge correspondent in your last issue. After referring to the late Rev. A. J. Stevens and the late Mr. Dunn, he says: "This leaves but one surviving link with those times in the person of the Rev. G. S. Ward (1867), now the oldest living [sic] member of the University." He does not state Mr. Ward's age or the significance of the date given, but surely there must be others older in University standing, if not in years. What about Canon J. M. Wilson, Senior Wrangler, 1859?

On referring to the Calendar I find there is "no such person" among the members of the University as G. S. Ward. Is it possible your correspondent had in his mind the Rev. E. G. de S. Wood, B.A., 1864, M.A., 1867? If so, the mistake may be due to some subtle influence from the Woodwardian Museum!

Cambridge. H. C. R.

Banbury Cross.

Sir,—Referring to the inquiry concerning the nursery rhyme of "Banbury Cross," it may not be generally known that the "cockhorse" mentioned was a spare horse usually stationed at the foot of a steep hill to help mail coaches and, later, omnibuses to reach the top. The rider, the cockhorse-boy, was very adept in attaching and detaching his mount at the right moment.

FRED GROVE-PALMER.
Muswell Hill, N.

Sir,—It was a customary sight during the latter half of the eighteenth century for travellers to Banbury and Birmingham to observe a group of children clustered at the foot of Stanmore Hill to witness the be-ribboned and rosetted fifth horse attached to the coach. As the gaily caparisoned jockey flourished his gilt-staff the boys and girls would chant "Ride the cockhorse to Banbury Cross," etc., and that nursery rhyme may have originated there. In the years 1865-70 this main road had reverted to a sandy track on the further side of Aylesbury.

W. ROGER ROWLATT-JONES.
Bournemouth.

Church Row, Stoke Newington.

Sir,—May I be allowed to correct a mistake in the note at the foot of Mr. Hanslip Fletcher's excellent sketch of Church Row, Stoke Newington, which appeared in your last issue?

Daniel Defoe did not at any time live in Church Row, but in a large house farther down on the south side of Church Street [right-hand side of your picture], the site of which is now roughly marked by "Defoe Road."

Benjamin d'Israeli, sen., lived in No. 7, Church Row (now, 70, Church Street), which at a later period was occupied by Mr. Evans, of Bradbury and Evans, proprietors of "Punch" and of the "Daily News." The house with which John Howard was connected was No. 8, Church Row (now 168, Church Street).

The numbering of the houses in the row is from the churchyard to the public library, commencing with No. 2.

John Lister, the grandfather of the famous surgeon Lord Lister, also lived in the row for some time. He was the father of J. J. Lister, who discovered or worked out the mathematics of the achromatic lens, which converted the microscope from a toy to a scientific instrument.

London, N. F. W. BAXTER.

"Holding Down" at Eton.

Sir,—I was interested in your letters last Sunday on this subject, and can carry the story to 1890, when I was oppidan "head's præpostor." I cannot even charge my memory, which is fairly vivid otherwise, as to whether "Fusee" was present at all at a "swishing," but if so, he was quite in the background. Possibly he may have handed the birch to my colleague, the "tug" præpostor, who delivered it to the Head. In my time the "holders-down" functioned as stated by Mr. Weatherhead, but I used to commandeer any two little boys I saw running across the schoolyard after twelve, whether colleger or oppidan.

The ceremonial, which perhaps might have been made impressive with the 7 ft. birch, 5 ft. being of "operative part," as lawyers say, was made a farce, because the truly august and massive person who wielded it used his wrist only for the purpose. I was, in fact, present at an extremely rare incident, the punishment in this way of a boy of 19, a member of "Pop." The foolish fellow had gone to the feast at Boveney on the Fourth of June and drank nearly a bottle of champagne straight off in the hot tent, and it had been too much for him. Perhaps I may testify that I had only seen one other boy drunk in more than five years there—a fact which may throw some light on the lurid tales of nightly school orgies by certain novelists.

London, W.C. A. F.

Hell Fire Club.

Sir,—The Hell-Fire Club was founded at Medmenham Abbey, on the Thames, in the middle of the eighteenth century by Francis Dashwood (afterwards Lord de Despencer). It was a society of young men of good position who achieved notoriety for their wild excesses and sacrilegious practices, amongst which, it was reputed, figured the worship of the Devil. This belief led to a successful practical joke which was played on the society on a certain occasion when its members had assembled to invoke the presence of his satanic majesty. A small monkey was lowered down the chimney, and springing suddenly, all black and gibbering, from the empty fireplace, was at once taken for their evil master in the flesh. The society was dissolved in 1762, on the appointment of its president to be Chancellor of the Exchequer. Among its members were Sir John Dashwood King, Lord Sandwich, Lord Melcombe Regis, Sir William Stanhope, three "poets," and a number of lesser celebrities.

The Hell-Fire Club is said to have been the forerunner of the later (and infinitely more respectable) society, the Phœnix Society of Brasenose College, Oxford. This tradition is dealt with by the author of No. XIV. of the Brasenose Quater-centenary Monographs, who points out that there is no historical connection between the two clubs. The motto of the Phœnix ("Uno avolso non deficit alter") suggests the possibility of a parent society which had been suppressed, and an examination of the old Phœnix toast lists discloses that the two associations had something in common, but there the matter ends. The Phœnix, it may be mentioned, is probably without parallel as a dining club, and has had a continuous existence since the year 1781.

The writer of the Monograph says that the Hell-Fire Club is described in a work entitled "Chrysal, or The Adventure of a Guinea."

Budge Row, E.C. RONALD SMITH.

Sir,—The orgies detailed in Charles Johnstone's "Chrysal, or the Adventures of a Guinea," were regarded by Chambers as unworthy of credit since from his description of the place of meeting Johnstone showed that he had no personal knowledge of the subject; while Langley maintained that such accounts were grossly exaggerated.

It is, moreover, noteworthy that Dr. Benjamin Bates, of Aylesbury and Little Missenden, who, although a member of the club, lived to a great age and died much respected, was wont

> emphatically and repeatedly to declare that, excepting the excesses to which the convivialities of the table may be supposed to have sometimes elevated such men as John Wilkes, Charles Churchill . . . . who with Francis, Lord le Despencer . . . . were its principal members, that association was most unjustly stigmatised by some of the scandalous and sarcastic publications of its contemporaries.

I refrain from comment.

GILBERT BENTHALL.
Prestwood, Bucks.

[Replies have also been received from J. M. M. Ducat (Knightsbridge), E. M. Gullick (Pirbright), Muriel Hamilton-Scott (Portsdown Road, W.), H. Rowland Hopwood (Northwood), G. F. Jerdein (Warwick Square, S.W.), Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Brogden (Ryde), E. Arden Minty (Petersfield), D. McManus (Brook Green, W.), and David T. Wylie (Oxford).]

"Carrs."

From LIEUT.-COLONEL SIR WOLSELEY HAIG.

Sir,—In the SUNDAY TIMES of October 19, "M. C. C.-G." inquires about the spelling "carrs" in 1 Esdras iii. 55. This spelling was so common in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries that the compilers of the "N.E.D." have not considered it necessary to give instances of it, but mention "carr" only as a variant of "car." In spite of the similarity of spelling it does not seem that the old French words "carre," one probably derived from "quadrus" and the other from "corium," have the same derivation as this English word. The derivation of the English word is clear, for the word in the original (the LXX.) is κάῤῥον, and in the Vulgate it is "carrum." The masculine form of the word is more common both in Greek and in Latin, but in this passage the neuter is used in both.

The spelling of the A.V. has been modernised from time to time, at one time even to the extent of substituting the inelegant spellings "judgment" and "acknowledgment" for the more correct "judgement" and "acknowledgement," now restored, both in the Authorised and in the Revised Versions; but "carr" seems to have escaped the notice of the innovator, possibly because the book in which it occurs is not placed, by either the Anglican or the Roman Church, in the Canon of Scripture, and is therefore seldom read.

The word "carriage" or "carriages" occurs five times in the A.V., in Judges xviii. 21, 1 Sam. xvii 22, Isaiah x. 28 and xlv. 1, and Acts xxi. 15; but in none of these passages does it mean a "vehicle" or "vehicles." It means "things carried," as may be discovered by a reference to the original text, the LXX., the Vulgate, or the R.V., where it is modernised into "goods," "baggage," or "things that ye carried about."

WOLSELEY HAIG.
The Athenæum, S.W.

Wreaths of Remembrance.

Sir,—The cities of Northern Italy which suffered in the war share Sir Philip Gibbs's conviction that nothing is to be gained by allowing the ruin and misery of those years to be forgotten, and some at least have taken measures to prevent it. In Venice wherever a bomb fell a stone has been placed to commemorate it—e.g., in the pavement a few paces from the great west door of St. Mark's. (This one, mercifully, did not explode.) These memorials are many in the east of the town, where the arsenal is situated.

At Verona, on open ground near the railway station, hundreds of trees have been planted, each bearing a metal label with the name of a soldier who fell in the war and the date of his death.

The method adopted at Padua, which town suffered very heavily, to perpetuate memory is, perhaps, the most graphic and convincing. Some 15 or 20 ft. up on a wall overlooking the marketplace is set a white marble tablet about 4 ft. square, on which is cut an outline map of the city streets; this is deeply pitted all over, showing every spot where a bomb was dropped. At the bottom is the record: (a) Number of raids, (b) bombs dropped, (c) persons killed, (d) persons wounded, (e) houses wholly wrecked, (f) partially wrecked.

There is small danger of the rising generation of Padua being allowed to lose sight of the war.

Abingdon. E. D. CUMING.

"Le Temps des Roses."

Sir,—The verses quoted by Katherine Mansfield in her Journal for 1920, in which Mr. R. A. Jauralde is interested, are from the "Poème de l'Amour et de la Mer," by Maurice Bouchor.

This poem is set to music by Ernest Chausson, and most probably Katherine Mansfield had heard it sung.

ROBIN RUSSELL.
Brunswick Square, W.C.

[Full text sent by Mrs Hunter Little (Kington, Herefordshire) has been forwarded to our correspondent.]

Ten Best Thrillers.

Sir,—May I be permitted to give my third annual list of "ten best thrillers"? This selection is becoming increasingly difficult owing to the large number of these books now published. Here are the pick of 104 I have read:—1, "The Longer Bodies" (G. Mitchell); 2, "Half-mast Murder" (M. Kennedy); 3, "While the Patient Slept" (M. G. Eberhart); 4, "The Scarab Murder" (S. S. Van Dyne); 5, "The Copper Bottle" (E. J. Millward); 6, "The Finger of Fate" ("Sapper"); 7, "Murder at High Tide" (C. G. Booth); 8, "Murder at Sea" (R. Connell); 9, "Murder Yet to Come" (I. B. Myers); 10, "The Fifth Victim" (D. Collins).

Bideford, Devon. R. HENDERSON.

H.M.S. Implacable.

Sir,—In your last issue Mr. E. V. Lucas repeats the claim, often made, that the Implacable, now at Falmouth, is the oldest vessel still afloat. If she had been launched in 1789, as is said, this would be true, but her real date is 1800, and she is thus not as old as the American Constitution. The Duguay Trouin of 1789 was burnt at Toulon in 1793, and another ship of the same name was launched at Rochefort in 1800. It is not, I think, disputed that the earlier ship was one of those burnt by the Allies at Toulon, but the champions of the claim to be the oldest ship afloat say that the ship of 1800 was the same ship "rebuilt."

Now, it is certain that the ship did not proceed from Toulon to Rochefort by sea, even if some part of her hull was salved. The most that can possibly have happened —and even this is very improbable—is that some of her timber may have been taken by land to Rochefort and there used in the construction of the new ship. This is not enough to make it reasonable to date the present ship from 1789.

Southampton. R. C. ANDERSON.

Sir,—Mr. Lucas is in error in his version of the epigram on the Walcheren Expedition of 1809; but he errs in good company, for it was Lord Palmerston, then Secretary at War, who, on the morrow of its appearance, gave his sister, and so the world, the first of many garbled versions of it. Nine years ago I published the correct lines as they appeared in the "Morning Chronicle" of February 26, 1810, viz.:—

> Abstract and Brief Chronicle of the Documents and Evidence Concerning the Expedition to the Scheldt.
> Lord Chatham with his sword undrawn,
> Kept waiting for Sir Richard Strachan:
> Sir Richard, eager to be at 'em,
> Kept waiting, too—for whom—Lord Chatham!

The authorship of this is ascribed, no doubt correctly, to Joseph Jekyll, K.C., F.R.S.

One word more about Strachan. Was it not he who, as Captain Sir Richard Strachan, Bart., in the Diamond (38), had formerly proposed to challenge the enemy to a ship-to-ship duel in the Channel, an idea that the Admiralty were quick to throw very cold water on?

EVAN W. H. FYERS, Major.
Wellington Club, S.W.

Roman Remains in Britain.

Sir,—"H. P.'s" reference to the paucity of visible remains of the Roman occupation in Britain raises a number of thorny problems which have taxed the ingenuity of two generations of British historians. The Teutonists maintain that the German tribes who settled Britain in the fifth and sixth centuries ruthlessly destroyed every vestige of Roman civilisation and culture; whereas the Romanists argue that these things persisted and were blended with the civilisation and culture of the invaders. And when experts disagree the poor inquiring layman hesitates to enter the arena of controversy.

A recital of some of the facts of the history of the Roman occupation might help to solve "H. P.'s" problem. First, Britain, while a valued and wealthy Roman province, was never so completely Romanised as Gaul. If a proof is needed, there is always language; despite the virility of the Barbarian invaders of Gaul, the native population were able to impose upon them their language. Second, Britain was an outlying province; and outlying provinces do not assimilate the civilisation and culture of their conquerors as quickly as those provinces situated near to the seat of government. Little is known about the occupation of Britain, except that in the north and west it was primarily military. And it is well to remember that the line of communication was broken by means of the English Channel. Third, the inherent "cliquishness" of the Celtic peoples would render racial fusion difficult. That the Romano-British people put up a determined resistance is certain, for it was not until 577 that the invaders succeeded in detaching the Welsh in Damnonia (Cornwall) from their kinsmen in Wales.

I venture to think that, despite the theories of the Teutonists, the remains of the Roman occupation lingered on for many generations. Welsh bardic poems make reference to the splendid ruins at Isca (Caerleon) and Viroconium (Wroxeter); and when that delightful wanderer Giraldus Cambrensis wrote his Itinerary of Wales he was at pains to recount some of the ruined glories of twelfth-century Caerleon.

Leeds. J. D. GRIFFITH DAVIES.

[Letter also received from A. W. Ll. (St. Thomas's Mansions, S.E.).]

Dutch House, Sandwich.

Sir,—In answer to "F. J.," the old Dutch house at Sandwich is a relic of the Walloons from the Low Countries, some of whom were given special permission by Queen Elizabeth to settle in Sandwich about the middle of the sixteenth century, when they were seeking refuge from religious persecution.

I know of no building called the King's House in Strand Street, unless your correspondent has in mind a typical fifteenth century English home, known as the Old House, in which Queen Elizabeth slept during her four-days visit to Sandwich in 1572. The house contains a finely decorated ceiling of one of the bedrooms, supposedly placed there in preparation for the Queen, and one of the superb chimneypieces is emblazoned with the Tudor arms. The original structure was half-timbered oak, but much of this was faced with brick about 200 years ago.

Sheringham. E. M. B.

Half-farthing.

Sir,—With reference to the correspondence concerning quarter-farthings, the following passage, relating to the half-farthing, may be considered of interest. It is to be found at p. 296 of the "Reminiscences of Sir Henry Hawkins," edited by Richard Harris, K.C.:—

> Someone once asked Sir Henry what was the most wonderful verdict he ever obtained as to value and amount. He replied, "Half a farthing." Some of the company were a little disconcerted. "I'll tell you," said the Judge. "There was in our gracious Majesty's reign, a coinage of half a farthing. It was soon discountenanced as useless, but while it was current as a coin of the Realm, I had the honour of obtaining a verdict for that amount, and need not say, had it been paid in specie and preserved, it would in value more than equal at the present time any verdict the jury might have given in the case.

I. ST. M. MACPHAIL.
Abingdon, Berks.

Readers' Queries.

[The number of readers' queries that reach us is now so great that a small proportion only can be published and we endeavour, therefore, to make a selection of those of most general interest.]

Can any of your readers tell me the origin of "Fairlop Friday"?—An Old Reader (Ladbroke Square, W.).

I have an old diary of 1844 which mentions having met at an earlier date a British officer travelling in a French steamer in the Mediterranean under a false name and in a distressed condition. The diary continues: "This was probably in connection with the Malta duel." From the use of the word "the" one infers that this duel was well known at the time. Circumstances point to its having taken place between 1826 and 1832. Can any of your readers give any information about this duel?—Inquirer (Hove).

Where does the following quotation come from?—

> There are no fields of Amaranth on this side of the grave, there are no voices O Rhodope that are not soon mute however tuneful.

—A. Maude (Forest Row).

I want a few lines of verse or prose by any author suitable for the occasion of a golden wedding.—E. A. F. (Gerrards Cross).

Can any of your readers tell me since when, how, and if, incumbents have the right to keep the east end of churches locked? Have churchwardens the right of entry?—W. D., Oxford.

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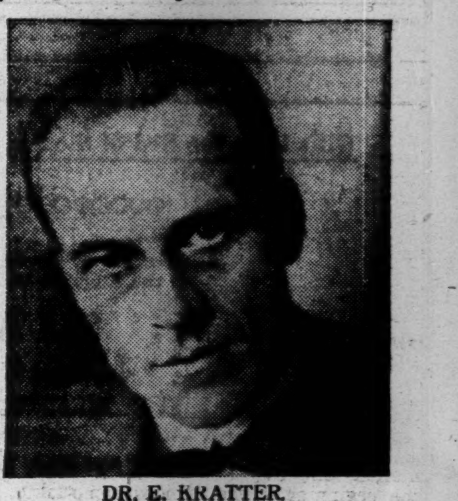

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A FAMOUS ANONYMOUS LETTER.

By A. D. GRISTWOOD.

Among the many documents of historical interest preserved in the Museum of the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane, not the least curious are those relating to the Gunpowder Plot. Perhaps the most interesting is the famous anonymous letter, drafted probably by Francis Tresham, one of the conspirators (though the writing is believed to be in the hand of his servant, William Vavasour), which was despatched to Lord Monteagle on October 26, 1605: "I would advyse you as you tender your lyf to devyse some exscuse to shift of your attendance at this Parleament, for God and man hathe concurred to punishe the wickednes of this tyme. . . They shall receyve a terrible blowe this Parleament, and yet they shall not seie who hurts them. . . . The danger is past as soon as you have burnt this letter." Lord Monteagle, however, instead of burning the note, sent it to the Secretary of State, Sir Robert Cecil; and the rest of the story is known, as they say, to every schoolboy.

"THE GENTLER TORTOURS."

The way of transgressors was hard in the seventeenth century, and a list of questions drawn up by King James for the guidance of his commissioners concludes with this significant warning: "If he will not other wayes confesse, the gentler tortours are to be first usid unto him, et sic per gradus ad ima tenditur." (No Latinity is needed to catch his meaning.) "And so God speede you're goode worke." The prisoner subscribed himself John Johnson, but a letter revealed his real name to be Guy Fawkes, a Yorkshireman who had served for some years in the Spanish Army in the Netherlands. That the King's words were no idle threat is made apparent by an examination of the prisoner's declarations dated November 10 and 17. The signature to the first document, affixed after tortours gentle and vehement, is barely legible.

The conspirators had taken a "solemn oath and vowe . . . to blowe up the Kinge with all the nobility about him in Parlement," and "did receave the Sacrament of Gerrard the Jesuite to performe their vowe," though "Gerrard was not acquainted with their purpose." All things were to be done decently and in order. Percy "hired a house at Westminster . . . near adjoyning to the Parlement House, and there we begunne to make our myne about the 11th of December 1604 . . . I stood as sentinell." Percy afterwards hired a cellar in which were placed "20 barrells of powder . . . with billots and fagots." It was also resolved that some of the confederates should surprise the person of the Lady Elizabeth, the King's daughter, and presently proclaim her Queen, while, "concerning Duke Charles, the King's second sonne, we had sundrie consultations how to sease on his person," but "found no meanes how to compasse it."

DUBIOUS IMMORTALITY.

They meant business, these desperate men resolved on desperate courses, and it is probable that, but for Tresham's indiscretion in warning a co-religionist, the first part of the plot would have been successful. Their ultimate defeat, however, was never in question—the nation was not prepared to stomach treason backed by indiscriminate murder—and Guy Fawkes was doomed from the beginning to his dubious immortality.

Yet by his too conspicuous failure he has given pleasure to ten generations of English children. A moral lies buried here somewhere, but I doubt if it is worth the finding. Fawkes could not be expected to appreciate it, at any rate.

THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT.
By "A Student of Politics,"
will be found on page 12, column 3.

MEN, WOMEN, AND MEMORIES.

OUR SINGULAR LEGISLATURE—LORD HAILSHAM—PROFESSOR EINSTEIN—GENERAL PANGALOS AGAIN—RACING, TIPS, AND NAMES.

By ATTICUS.

The "Mother of Parliaments" is not only the most venerable legislative assembly in the world, but also one of the most curious. We have got used to its odd ways, and do not notice them; but to a stranger they seem remarkable. Such is the testimony given me by a highly interested foreign observer, a lady who was present in the gallery of the House of Commons on the opening day of the session. What struck her was the queer mixture of informality and strict observance of certain rules which pervaded the proceedings. She was impressed by the Speaker in his robes, the dignified clerks and officials, the solemn bows to the Chair.

On the other hand, she was scandalised by the free-and-easy behaviour of members, and particularly by the spectacle of Ministers and Opposition leaders lying on their seats with their feet on the table. She could not, she said, imagine such an attitude in a Continental Chamber, where Ministers and Deputies usually wear black coats, and are stiff and prim in their demeanour. They would not think of sprawling and lounging on the benches, nor of sitting with their hats on their heads, as members still sometimes do in the House, though this custom is more uncommon than it used to be.

LEADERS AND LORDS.

The feature of the Conservative meeting of Thursday morning was the brilliant speech of Lord Hailsham, which evoked much enthusiasm. The ex-Lord Chancellor spoke in his best manner, and was never more effective in the Courts, or more convincing in the House of Commons. He quite carried away the meeting, many members of which seemed ready to make a demonstration in his favour. Undoubtedly, if there were any real question of changing the Conservative leadership, Lord Hailsham would be a strong candidate, in spite of the fact that he is in the House of Lords. It seems to be an accepted axiom of our modern politics that a Prime Minister and party chief must be in the House of Commons.

This is a quite recent convention. It is only thirty years since the Conservative Party was led, and admirably led, by a peer, the Marquess of Salisbury. The difficulty might be met by allowing Ministers to have the option of speaking and sitting (though not voting) in either House of Parliament. The innovation might commend itself to the Socialists now that Labour M.P.s and trades union organisers accept peerages.

RELATIVITY.

One of the spectators in the House of Commons galleries was Professor Einstein. I wonder what the great scientist really thinks of the political expedients and devices we have evolved in a small corner of an utterly insignificant planet? But the creator of a new universe, as Mr. G. B. Shaw called him the other day, is a reticent man, and reserves his own view on these and many other points. Nor is it easy to extract his opinion on Mr. Shaw's eulogy and the other compliments paid him in this country.

There is nothing formidable or acutely didactic about this modest, genial, pleasant-mannered savant. He does not affect to be ostentatiously erudite, and is not what is called an "omnivorous" reader. He holds that it is possible to read too much as well as too little, and he himself does not now try to get through many books. A mind overlaid by too heavy a volume of printed matter is apt to lose its spring and its capacity for invention and discovery. It is better to think out things for yourself instead of attempting the hopeless task of ascertaining what other people have thought about them.

DICTATORIAL MANNERS.

Just now dictatorships and rapid revolutions are in the fashion; so I am not surprised to hear that General Pangalos, ex-Dictator of Greece, has been meditating another *coup d'état* with the object of regaining power. The attempt was nipped in the bud, and the General and his associates were promptly arrested. I hope no serious harm will come to him, for I have rather a liking for the usurper, whom I saw several times at Athens during his brief reign. I found him a rather courteous despot, though he did not strike me as a person of conspicuous force of intellect or character. He was under the impression that he was quite popular in Athens, and told me he could drive about anywhere in the city without an escort.

He had contrived to seize power with extraordinary ease. One morning, a sergeant and a squad of his picked troops—the *Evzones*, who wore white tights and ballet-girl skirts—occupied the Post Office; another small detachment seized the Government buildings; the Prime Minister was arrested while he was taking his morning walk; and Pangalos proclaimed himself Chief of the State, and installed himself in the Palace opposite the barracks of his Republican Guards.

The Athenians took it calmly; after all, it gave them something to talk about. But Pangalos had omitted to square the other generals and colonels, who presently advanced upon the capital with a large body of troops, and disarmed and disbanded the Dictator's petticoated warriors. Pangalos was treated with indulgence, which may now, perhaps, be withdrawn after his latest escapade.

THE WISDOM OF THE PROPHETS.

I am not a betting man. But it occurred to me this autumn to ascertain how far the judicious punter could rely on the experts who endeavour to forecast the results of coming races. I therefore made a rather careful study of the various tips given by the professional prophets for the Cambridgeshire. Most of them, I discovered, were nearly certain that The Recorder would have his own way. Some few, however, were not so confident as to the merits of this animal, and thought he might be outpaced by one or two others. His conqueror, it was suggested, might be found in Racedale or Qurrat-al-Ain. Likely candidates mentioned for winning honours were Vatout, Grandmaster, Cat o' Nine Tails, and others.

The odd thing was that nobody, at least so far as I noticed in the course of my researches, had a word to say for the actual winner. The name of The Pen was quite unfamiliar to me, and, I suspect, to most other members of the public, until the result of the race was declared. Very few people could have backed this 50 to 1 outsider. I know one lady who put her modest sovereign on the horse. I asked her why she did so, and she said it was because her husband was an author so she thought she might have luck with The Pen. She also told me that she sometimes put a little on a horse when she liked its name. And considering the fallibility of the tipsters that seems about as good a reason as any other.

THE RETURN OF THE WILD.

Wolves have appeared in unusual numbers on the frontiers of Poland and Lithuania. It is said to be a portent of a coming severe winter. But wolves are understood to be more numerous generally in Eastern Europe than they used to be a few years ago.

I do not know if the explanation given me by a Russian friend really accounts for this phenomenon. My informant, who until the Soviet came was a great landed proprietor and sportsman, says that it is another consequence of Bolshevism. Before the Revolution the Russian nobility used to keep the packs down by frequent battues. Now there is no shooting, except the shooting of human beings, there are no leisured sportsmen, and the peasants have no arms or ammunition. Consequently the wolves increase and multiply, eat up the game, and will presently, as my friend grimly observed, invade the villages and feast on the babies.

It sounds fanciful. Yet wild nature does reassert itself when an ordered civilisation breaks down. Do not the Lion and the Leopard keep the Courts where Jamshyd gloried and drank deep?

DEFEATISM.

DECRYING OUR OWN COUNTRY.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

By HAROLD COX.

England is suffering badly to-day from the spirit of defeatism. Day by day public orators are proclaiming that we are down and out, in spite of the fairly notorious fact that the general standard of living throughout the country is very much higher than it has ever been before. To a considerable extent this defeatist attitude is due to political influences. Our different political parties are all struggling with one another to make capital out of the problem of unemployment, and in order to boost their own projects they all emphasise the troubles which they profess to be able to cure. The situation reminds me of a letter I received four or five years ago from a correspondent in Australia, who wrote:—"The curse of Australia is not the rabbit, the dingo, or the prickly pear, but the politician."

If we look back on our history we find that there is absolutely no reason for the excessive spirit of depression which seems now to be overtaking the country. In past centuries there have frequently been waves of bad trade or unemployment, accompanied by cruel sufferings on a scale of which to-day there is no conception. The mere phrase "The Hungry Forties" ought alone to show how completely different are the conditions of to-day from those of a hundred years ago.

"THE HUNGRY FORTIES."

As regards "The Hungry Forties" the following contemporary record is worth quoting in full. It is a resolution passed by the Common Council of the City of London in the year 1842:—

> Resolved: That the continuous and increasing depression of the manufacturing, commercial, and agricultural interests of this country, and the widespread distress of the working classes, are most alarming—manufacturers without a market, shipping without freight, capital without investment, trade without profit, and farmers struggling under a system of high rents, with prices falling as the means of consumption by the people fall; a working population rapidly increasing, and a daily decreasing demand for its labour; union houses overflowing as workshops are deserted; corn laws to restrain importation, and inducing a starving people to regard the laws of their country with a deep sense of injustice.

This declaration was made in the days of high protection, so that tariffs alone will not save us from trade depression or mental gloom. The abolition of the Corn Laws in 1846 was followed by several years of rapid trade expansion. Then came a setback, and in 1884 we find Lord Randolph Churchill saying in a speech at Blackpool:—

> Your iron industry is dead, dead as mutton; your coal industries are languishing; your silk industry is dead, assassinated by the foreigner; your woollen industry is *in articulo mortis*, gasping, struggling; your cotton industry is seriously sick; the ship-building industry, which held out longest of all, is come to a standstill. You find foreign iron, foreign wool, foreign silk and cotton pouring into the country, flooding you, drowning you, sinking you, swamping you.

But the depression so graphically described—or exaggerated—passed quickly away and more prosperity followed. Then another wave of mental depression or political defeatism cropped up, and in 1903 we find Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, when speaking in support of his colonial preference campaign, using the following words:—

> Silk is gone. Iron is threatened. Cotton will go. How long are you going to stand it? At the present moment these industries, and the working-men who depend upon them, are like sheep in the field. One by one they allow themselves to be led to the slaughter.

THE 1903 CAMPAIGN.

The complete lack of foundation for this expression of pessimism was demonstrated in the following years. In 1903 our cotton exports were £74,000,000; in 1904 they leapt up by no less than £10,000,000, and they kept on rising with scarcely a break till, in the year before the Great War, the figure reached was £127,000,000. The iron record is similar. In 1903 our exports of iron and steel manufactures were £30,000,000; by 1913 the figure had risen to £54,000,000. Silk is a smaller matter, but here also the subsequent facts completely falsified Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's pessimistic statements. Our exports of silk goods in 1903 were roughly £1,700,000; they rose steadily for several years; then came a slight drop, but the figure in the last year before the war was £2,157,000.

Such records as these ought to serve as a warning to our present prophets of woe. As a matter of fact, though several of our trades are admittedly suffering at the moment from severe depression, there is also abounding evidence of prosperity in our other trades, and the total wealth of the country is still, as far as can be ascertained, steadily increasing. As a special example of the growth of our trade the figures of the traffic of the Port of London recently issued are very striking. The net tonnage of vessels which arrived in and departed from the Port of London in 1920 amounted to 32,758,000; in 1929 the corresponding figure was 57,578,000 tons.

A PROTEST FROM SHEFFIELD.

A specially interesting comment on the present pessimism is furnished by a memorandum drawn up a few months ago by some prominent members of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, with the express purpose of counteracting the ill effects which result from the constant depreciation in the Press of our trade activities. The memorandum states that Sheffield to-day is actually turning out 50 per cent. more steel and steel products than she did even in the very best of her pre-war years. The memorandum goes on to explain that the only reason why she is not working to her full capacity is because that capacity was trebled during the war period, but she is actually employing many thousand more hands than she was before the war.

This Sheffield statement explains perhaps better than anything else the present depression. We so expanded our productive capacity during the war, and in the few years of exceptional activity that followed the war, that our productive power in several industries now exceeds the world's demand. And this applies to other countries as well as to ourselves. But this fact is to a large extent balanced, at any rate so far as Great Britain is concerned, by the expansion that has taken place in other industries. At any rate, if we look at the country as a whole, there is no evidence of serious poverty. The savings of small investors are growing rapidly, and at the same time people are playing more and enjoying life more than in any previous period of our history. There are, of course, many serious industrial problems seeking solution, but their solution will certainly not be brought any nearer by the spirit of defeatism which has taken possession of the minds of most of our politicians.

I have no use whatever for anybody who wants something for nothing.—Sir Sydney Skinner.

The situation of the Jewish communities throughout the world is a barometer of the moral standard in the political world.—Professor Einstein.

Somewhere about the middle of the nineteenth century two things happened of great importance—one that I was born, the other that the poet Tennyson said that God fulfils himself in many ways.—George Bernard Shaw.

The country's industrial situation is too grave and too urgent to wait for the ideal scientific scheme. We must have an emergency industrial tariff at once, and perfect it in detail as we go along.—Rt. Hon. L. Amery, M.P.

"THE TOWN": MEN AND INTIMACIES

By "AUTOLYCUS."

When the Duke of Connaught arrived yesterday at Les Bruyères, his beautiful Riviera residence, where, in accordance with his usual wont, he spends the winter months, one of the first things he did was to inspect the alterations which have been carried out there in his absence during the summer. He has found it rather small, which precluded his entertaining as he would wish, and a wing has been added which will enable him to accommodate relatives and friends who hitherto had to stay at one of the hotels near by.

In other ways the house has undergone a number of alterations and improvements during the ten years the Duke has had it, until now it is one of the most attractive and desirable residences in this locality. He bought it for £12,000, but it would fetch considerably more were it to be sold to-day.

The Duke's residence there each winter for the past decade has resulted in the creation of quite a formidable English colony at Cap Ferrat, and in the sports direction also his influence has been felt. The Duke encouraged sport so much that now there exists a football league for the district, whereas the game was not known there before his advent to the Riviera.

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Although rarely in robust health, Lady Carisbrooke never spares herself when she can do anything to further a good cause, and on Friday I met her so engaged on two occasions. Before lunch she was the guest of honour at a cocktail party given by Lady Bindon Blood to discuss plans for a ball at the Hyde Park Hotel next Thursday in aid of the ex-Services Welfare Society. Few people realise that to-day there are over thirty thousand men officially recognised as suffering from shell shock and neurasthenia, and that this is the only organisation that helps these mentally afflicted men by finding them suitable homes and occupations.

Then on Friday evening Lady Carisbrooke stood for a long time at the Mansion House receiving the guests at the White Rose dinner in aid of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney, at which her mother-in-law, Princess Beatrice, who is President of the Ladies' Association, was the guest of honour. The notable success, both financial and social, that attended the dinner, was mainly due to the untiring efforts of Lady Weigall, who was here, there and everywhere in her wheeled chair, closely shadowed by her tall, sixteen-year-old daughter, Priscilla.

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The young Infantas Beatrice and Maria Christina look forward to their visits to London as a time during which they can throw off some of the more irksome restrictions of etiquette that govern the Spanish Court, hence I was not surprised to find them lunching last week at the excellent, but quite unpretentious, Spanish restaurant in Swallow Street. They were received by the genial Signor Bonafont, and under his guidance chose a simple meal, consisting of a Spanish omelette, followed by a dish called Valencian Rice, which, to English ideas, appears to contain everything but rice!

The previous evening the two Infantas had attended the private family dinner party that the Duke of Connaught gave at Clarence House in honour of the Queen of Spain's arrival in London. With the exception of the ladies and gentlemen in waiting, everyone at the table was a member of the Royal family, the guests including the King and Queen, who very rarely dine out, the Queen of Spain and her two daughters; Princess Beatrice, Princess Louise, Lord and Lady Carisbrooke, and, of course, Lady Patricia Ramsay, who acted as hostess for her father.

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The painful ordeal endured by every bridegroom as he stands waiting at the chancel steps, or chats nervously with relations, has never been cut so short as by Captain Gray Horton of the Scots Guards, who did not venture from the vestry with his best man until the first verse of the hymn announced the entrance of the bride. Few things are more difficult than to live up to an established reputation for being a famous beauty, but the delicate, almost fairy-tale loveliness of Miss Gwen Le Bas was never so striking as when she passed slowly up the nave in her pearl-encrusted dress, in whose eddying wake followed seven tiny, silver-clad children, shepherded by her grown-up sister Molly.

The rich, but subdued splendours of the Guards' Chapel at Wellington Barracks made a perfect background for masses of Madonna lilies, banked against gold-dipped laurel leaves, and, during the signing of the register, the band of the Scots Guards played Beethoven's Minuet in "G" with such verve that one of the small bridesmaids lining the chancel found herself unable to resist the impulse first to beat time with her sheaf of lilies in imitation of the uniformed conductor, and then to tread a stately measure all on her own.

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There is an echo of old times in the announcement that one of the Guy Fawkes Day celebrations on Merseyside will be a steeplechase in which eight of the best lady riders in the Wirrall Hunt have promised to take part, wearing nightdresses above their overalls. The idea derives from the famous Nacton midnight steeplechase in the early part of the last century, the after-dinner freak of the officers of a cavalry regiment stationed at Ipswich, which is commemorated in a famous series of sporting prints. Another instance of the kind occurred at Melton Mowbray in the early nineties, and arose out of the strained relations between the vicar of the parish and the sporting section of Melton society, which was incensed by the strictures he had passed upon it.

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Viscount Lee of Fareham celebrates his 62nd birthday next Saturday. After service as a gunner he became Professor of Strategy and Tactics in the Royal Military Academy of Canada, and thereafter British Military Attaché to the American Army. Returning home, he sat for the Fareham Division for eighteen years, and during the war held various offices, finally becoming First Lord of the Admiralty. He it was who conceived the idea of ensuring that every British Prime Minister—irrespective of his private fortune—should have a country house. To give effect to that ideal he and Lady Lee denuded themselves of their beautiful home at Chequers Court, and handed it over to the nation. The King, with his customary intuition, voiced the general approval when he placed the White Lodge, Richmond Park, at their disposal.

Piccadilly Circus was once described as the centre of the world, yet how many of those who go to make up the ceaseless stream of humanity that flows and eddies round it know that, within the proverbial stone's throw, are two backwaters that have so far eluded the ruthless hand of the improving builder. In one known as Smith's Court, probably from the blacksmiths who once lived there, one can still watch the horses going up to the first floor at nightfall by an inclined stone path, whilst their drivers sleep in small rooms above them until, in the early dawn, they rise and drive their carts to market.

In the larger court next door the great Duke of Marlborough stabled his many splendid horses, but few would recognise the stalls to-day in the supper-room of the Blue Lantern, that most popular and enduring of the smaller night clubs. The upper room, with its amusing frieze of easily recognisable silhouettes cut out in different-coloured felts, also has a history, which Mr. Cecil Landeau is one day going to write. During the South African War topees for the troops were turned out there by the hundred, and during the Great War it was used as a refuge for "down and outs," who slept huddled on the floor now trodden by celebrities such as King George of Greece, Mr. Augustus John, Mr. Godfrey Winn, and Mr. Beverley Nichols.

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Welshmen of all creeds have a great affection for Dr. A. G. Edwards, Archbishop of the Principality, who attains an 82nd anniversary to-day. Welsh of the Welsh by ancestry, birth, residence, and work, Dr. Edwards comes of a clerical family, and was born at the vicarage of Llanmawddwy, where his father was incumbent. He was headmaster for ten years of Llandovery College, became Bishop of St. Asaph in 1889, and was elected as first Archbishop of Wales ten years ago. The Archbishop is a most eloquent speaker both in English and Welsh, and there was a great regret when the Welsh Disestablishment Act caused his retirement from the House of Lords, where he had proved himself the best debater on the episcopal bench. He is *persona grata* with peasants as he was with peers, and is often to be found chatting in Welsh with a wayside labourer or discussing prices with a farmer's wife on her way to market.

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Dr. Pearce, who died so suddenly last Tuesday a few minutes after he had been watching the Royal procession in Old Palace Yard, was a Canon of Westminster from 1911 to 1919. The editor of a Church paper relates that less than twenty-four hours before war was declared in 1914 he went to Canon Pearce, as he then was, to ask him to write an article on what the Church should do in the event of war being declared. "My dear ——," he replied, "there will be no war. At any rate, England won't be in it!" When the editor ventured to disagree, Canon Pearce continued, "All I can say is that I was passing the German Embassy an hour ago, and I saw a butcher delivering meat there. That would not have happened if the Ambassador was packing up."

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The following story is told of one of our legislators, taking a holiday in the South of France. A friend passed through the hotel lounge and saw the legislator busily regaling himself with very buttery muffins. He remarked, in passing, "Hungry?" "No," came the quick reply, "but thank God I'm greedy."

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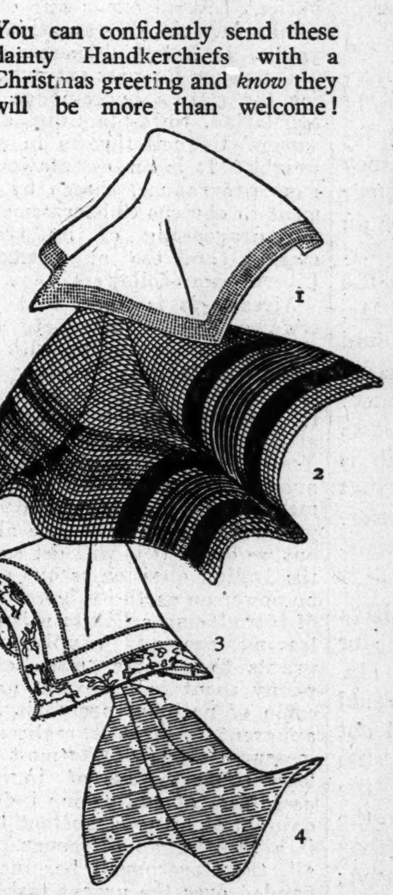

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ACTION FRONT!

If the result of last week's party meeting is to close the divided ranks of Conservatism and reinvigorate it with the strength that depends on unity, then it will have been a victory not merely for Mr. BALDWIN, but for the party which he leads. Far more important than the personal issue is the issue of solidarity. If the "rebels," who were defeated in the test of the ballot-box, loyally keep their word to abide by the result, then the Conservative Party can once more hold up its head and leave its sordid quarrels behind it.

Exactly contrary to the excuses made in some quarters, the dissentients had everything in their favour. They were conceded—what they had clamoured for — a secret ballot, thereby ensuring that their full strength would be polled. In spite of it, they could muster no more than a fifth of the meeting. A majority of 80 per cent. on a secret vote is not a figure to be sneezed at. A party that emerged from a General Election with a majority so large would rightly consider itself to hold an overwhelming mandate. If the leaders of either of the other parties were tomorrow to submit their ascendancy to a free and secret vote of their followers, could they be sure of an 80 per cent. majority? Is Mr. MACDONALD *persona grata* with the whole of the Labour Party? Is Mr. LLOYD GEORGE the undisputed lord of the Liberal domain? No leader can please all the people all the time. But the truth of the matter is not so much that the present leadership is ideal as that the alternatives that present themselves are no better. There is no heaven-sent leader waiting on the door-mat.

All the devices of propaganda have been at work at full pressure for months in the attempt to oust Mr. BALDWIN from his place. It would be indeed surprising if these had not had their effect. In the end, the malcontents got their way to the extent of putting the issue to the test. Their challenge was met, they voted, and they have been defeated; in heaven's name let there now be an end to recrimination. Of the 20 per cent. who wanted a new leader, were all, or anything like all, agreed as to who that leader should be? Then where would be the use of changing for the mere sake of change? How do they suppose the party would be any better united under a successor regarding the identity of whom there is no sort of unanimity, especially when four out of every five have declared against any change at all?

But it is idle to labour the obvious. What the Conservative Party requires above all else at the present time is unity; it is its plain duty, therefore, to seek those circumstances that will best give it unity, and then loyally to abide by them. Those who are inalienably opposed to Mr. BALDWIN as leader will no doubt continue their campaign, undeterred by other considerations. In doing so they will be fighting not Mr. BALDWIN alone, whatever they may say; they will be fighting the Conservative Party and undermining that unity which is absolutely vital to its strength and efficiency as a fighting machine and as a living force in the political life of the nation. South Paddington may look like a reverse, but in reality it means exactly nothing. The circumstances were unique. It is highly doubtful whether the Empire Crusade success could be repeated in a single other constituency in the Kingdom, given an official Conservative candidate of ordinary backbone and consistency.

Once more it must be said that the personal issue is not the most important. Unity is the one vital need, and united agreement on a policy. In attempting to dethrone a leader the intriguers risked breaking a party. On Thursday the common sense of the rank and file came back into its own. Clearly enough the policy of the leader is the policy that the party approves. Though the malcontents mustered 116 votes on the question of leadership, on the question of policy they could muster but one—the solitary vote of Lord BEAVERBROOK himself. That is the real answer to the situation. On the policy of the "Free Hand"—the only sensible policy in the circumstances—Mr. BALDWIN has the unanimous support of his party. Let his followers unanimously press forward in furthering that policy, undeterred by all other considerations. If they do that they will rapidly reinvigorate Conservatism with the red corpuscles of constructive energy which it now conspicuously lacks. And they will know what name to give those who, under a lofty pretence of idealism, imperil the existence of the party by persistence in an empty vendetta.

BANKRUPTCY CRYSTALLISED.

If it were not for the impending Indian Conference and the patent unpreparedness of the other parties, it is as certain as most things that the Socialist Government would not live to see the New Year in. Hopelessly split on Protection, and on unemployment only in agreement on one point—namely, that they have no policy—the Cabinet are drifting steadily towards destruction. We should say they were rushing, were it not that their utter inefficiency and stagnation give the lie to any metaphor so dynamic. No session of recent years has opened in an atmosphere of such complete ineffectiveness, in such confident expectation of death.

The King's Speech—absurdly hailed by the Government's supporters as the most constructive ever formulated—is in reality one of the weakest and most obviously makeshift that any Ministry in its second year of office would dare to put forward. What does it amount to? A scheme of land settlement to assist agriculture (as to that we shall hear more hereafter); a partisan measure to repeal the "contracting-in" clause of the Trade Disputes Act; a Bill to spend another handful of millions a year on education—or what will pass for education; a vague prospect of electoral reform to still the suspicions of the patient Liberal oxen; our old, disillusioned friend the taxation of land values, in a last desperate attempt to find revenue for past extravagance; and for the rest, a hodge-podge of factory legislation, town-planning, and a Consumers' Council thrown in as a makeweight. It is an ostentatiously bankrupt programme, chosen by a Government in obvious embarrassment between the dragooning of its trade union masters and the appeasement of its Liberal camp-followers.

Already it is plain that the Ministry's complete failure to produce a single plan for dealing with unemployment will land it in early and severe trouble with its own left wing. Whether it can survive this and the doubtful attitude of the Liberals towards the Trade Disputes Amending Bill, is a question that will no doubt cause it many anxious hours. If it does so it still will not have an easy time ahead of it; but we doubt if it will get so far. Once the Indian question is out of the way, no power on earth can save it. The folly of introducing a Bill to raise the school-leaving age and supply maintenance grants to parents, when every extra penny spent is an extra nail in the coffin of national prosperity, is doubly apparent when it is realised that this measure is one of the most costly and least efficient ways of increasing the usefulness of education; indeed, in the opinion of many competent to judge, it is a sheer waste of money. To crown all, the Government has incompetently handed over the urgent task of reforming the Unemployment Insurance system to the leisurely investigations of a Royal Commission. Anything rather than take a decision. In all the circumstances it is highly doubtful whether the Government will be alive to act on the advice of the Commission when in due course it has reported.

IN PRAISE OF THE LEAGUE.

Despite the fulminations of a small and unenlightened section of opinion, Great Britain has always given weighty support to the League of Nations. It was therefore no surprise, though it was a very great pleasure, to hear the PRINCE OF WALES speaking boldly for the League last week at the Guildhall banquet. What HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS said is perfectly true. The paths of peace must be travelled slowly; their ways are devious and beset with obstacles; but they all, ultimately, converge. War cannot be prevented by some sudden and violent action at the last minute; if we wait till then it will be too late. The only way to prevent war is by the steady and patient building up of a machinery of peace and of an international outlook of mind.

Abolish the League, and what is left to peace? Nothing. Europe and the world would be back in the conditions that brought them to disaster in 1914. It is easy to mock the League, to complain of its slowness, its frequent weakness; but what shall we put in its place? It is impossible to create overnight a completely efficient and self-sufficing implement for enforcing the peace of the world and eradicating the fear and greed and passions of the human race. Everything must have its beginning, and although the League may be moving slowly, that is in reality a reflection less on the League than on the individual nations that belong to it; the League depends for its power on the backing of international opinion.

Even as things are, the League of Nations is immeasurably stronger today than it was at its inception. In a dozen smaller ways, besides the one big way, it is working consistently for a better understanding between the nations. The International Labour Office is one conspicuous example. True enough, there are ample signs that the world has not yet discarded the war-idea from its mind; perhaps it never will. But if it does—and to do so is the only alternative to eventual annihilation—the victory will be almost wholly to the credit of the League. Strengthen the League and the cause of peace is strengthened; destroy it and another war is certain.

THE UNRULY MEMBER.

The day has gone by when Signor MUSSOLINI could be contemptuously dismissed as the Mad Dog of Europe. His positive achievements in re-energising the Italian nation and building up a new and efficient machine mark him out as a statesman of great stature. If only he would keep as firm a hold on his lips as he does on the reins of internal government, history might write him down a man not only of great force of character, but of great judgment. Unfortunately for his reputation and for the peace of Europe, he has not yet learnt to govern his speech.

Not long ago he was telling his followers that although words are beautiful things, bayonets and guns are still more beautiful. Now he has improved on this by explaining what he meant. While the world is paying lip-service to peace, he declares, it is busy preparing for war. In the circumstances, he must judge not by words but by actions; that is why bayonets are more beautiful than words. The DUCE is above all things a realist, and he is no doubt incensed by the hypocrisy he sees around him; but if he really desires peace, as he declares, surely he is going a queer way about getting it? To keep talking about war, to keep exciting and inciting his listeners with speeches about the beauty of guns, to hold up the ideal of force as the inspiration of a teeming people—this is to bring war much nearer. If Signor MUSSOLINI would really have disarmament, he must first learn to disarm his tongue.

THE CADET FORCE.

For some inexplicable reason, the Government seem determined, if they can, to destroy the Cadet Force, but all they have succeeded in doing has been to deprive it of official recognition and a modest grant. In spite of the foolish, misplaced zeal of ultra-peacemongers, the Cadet Force will live. The attempt which has been made to crush it will, we hope, bring to its aid practical sympathy and support. Under the Presidency of Lord ALLENBY, the National Cadets Association will carry on the good work, and while the loss of affiliation with the Territorial Force will be felt, it is hoped that the separation will be of short duration.

The aim of the Cadet Force is to give mental, moral, and physical instruction to the boys who join the organisation. Instead of hindering patriotic work of this kind, the Government ought to encourage it. The building up of character, on which all good citizenship must rest, should be a primary duty. There is no connection between the Cadet Force and a rabid militarism, and Mr. SHAW might as well prohibit the Salvation Army from wearing uniform as penalise the Cadets because they go in for physical drill on Army lines. But Mr. SHAW's pinpricks will only stimulate the friends of the Cadets to greater efforts. A great national movement cannot be killed by a handful of cranks.

KING OF KINGS.

The DUKE OF GLOUCESTER carries with him the hearty good wishes of the British people for the EMPEROR OF ABYSSINIA, whose coronation takes place to-day. The ceremony will be highly picturesque, for EMPEROR TAFARI, while a most progressive monarch and one who is working hard to adapt his ancient kingdom to modern conditions, never forgets that he is to be crowned as King of Kings and Lion of Judah.

The fact that a descendant of KING SOLOMON and the QUEEN OF SHEBA is to be crowned must stir the most sluggish imagination, and EMPEROR TAFARI must, as he looks back over the history of the world, feel proud of the fact that amid many dynastic upheavals his wonderful kingdom has remained. Our wish is that it may for all time combine the wisdom of SOLOMON with the beauty of SHEBA, and the presence of the DUKE OF GLOUCESTER is a striking proof of our desire to join with his own people in paying a sincere tribute to the EMPEROR on this memorable occasion.

THE PORE OLD GUY.

As usual, we have been compelled this year to remember the Fifth of November long before that festive date was anywhere in sight. Tiny brigands have lain in ambush at street corners. Diminutive masked bandits have held us up in dark alleys. The smash-and-grab method may have been in abeyance, but the confidence trick has been rife.

Plots, true or false, are necessary things
To raise up commonwealths and ruin kings,

and, it would seem, to provide at least three weeks' roistering for the very young. One's first reflection is that youth should be taught punctuality, which, of course, lies in never being too early. The second reminds us that merit is not always the best memorial. The urchins of a future age may have to thank not Mr. BALDWIN for a day of rejoicing, but Mr. JACK DIAMOND or Mr. AL CAPONE.

THE DEAD PARLIAMENT.

QUEST FOR A SEXTON.

THE OPPORTUNITY OF CONSERVATISM

By Walter Elliot, M.P.

Last week the second session of this Parliament began. The King's Speech was read from the Throne, the argument of the nation was resumed. It rapidly dawned on the House that the second Labour Government was dead, but there was no one to bury it. The quest for a sexton occupies the House, and the knowledge of this quest preoccupies the nation.

We do not like having no Government in this country. There is much to be done. Unemployment, from being the largest single occupation of our people, has risen in a year to be as great as our two greatest industries added together. If every rural worker were to-morrow carried off by pestilence, if every mining village in the country were swept clean of its pitmen, the numbers of both could be replaced from the unemployed register the day after, without drafting a single human being from the other trades. The budget to cover this is unbalanced to the extent of £25,000,000 a year, which equals the amount required to cover the whole National Debt before the War. The Chancellor tells the bankers at the Mansion House that he hopes for no new taxation next year, which can only mean that he intends this lack of cover to continue. These are the circumstances in which we are asked to discuss site-values; and the school-leaving age; and how to have bigger and better Trade Disputes; and a measure of Electoral Reform is also to be laid before us.

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The three great parties were hamstrung all the week. Political affairs were confused as they have scarcely been since the fall of the Coalition. The difficulties of the Conservative Party were patent and vociferous and attracted more attention thereby. A general meeting in the Caxton Hall, and an all-comers' dog-fight on the hustings, in the heart of the Metropolis, within the same forty-eight hours, are bound to bring comment. These things are not in themselves reasons for lack of hope. It was out of an unexampled slough of squabble, languor, and bickering, and loaded with a tremendously heavy cause, that the Liberal Party pulled themselves together for their victorious march in 1906. Dispute and self-questioning lie at the commencement of all great undertakings. But there comes a time when they have to be abandoned, and that time is now.

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Therefore the Caxton Hall meeting was important not for what was said but for what was conceived. The whole argument stood out in the speeches of two protagonists to whom the turbulent gathering immediately accorded silence and respect Lord Hailsham for the official view, massive, agile, a heavyweight at the top of his form, hammering vigorously and assured. And Lymington from Hampshire for the "not content," young, pale, stocky, red-headed, speaking with a short, stiff sincerity, the very mould of the boys all over the world, from slum-corners to castles, who are querying present doctrines and hunting for something to which they can give their hearts. Lord Salisbury was in the chair, the immemorial Cecil, who had to handle all this under Elizabeth, who had to handle all this under James, who had to handle Disraeli, who had to handle Randolph Churchill. Then the Tertium Quid, Lord Beaverbrook, hastening up the aisle to the platform instantly at the challenge, a small, frail, fragile man like a doll, burnt up with purpose, and holding forth as one who speaks with authority and not as the scribes.

All these contended; and when power, and youth, and fanaticism, and the infinite experience of tradition all speak in the same hall in the same forenoon, the man who is chosen to lead them has no cause for disheartenment. Only they are very powerful forces, and might well hold each other in deadlock till opportunity passes. Both at home and abroad matters are most urgent.

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Even the affairs of an Empire are in a way secondary to those in our own house. We have to reconquer the leadership which we properly possess. We shall not do that by calling on the Dominions to rescue us. We have to save ourselves by our exertions before we can save others by our example. England and Australia are too near in trouble just now to send admonitory missions from either one to the other. We have to plan and plan and broaden the basis of our appeal, through competence and sound projects and sincerity, till we can transcend the party of a section, if we are to carry the nation at our next appeal.

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Against this background the Paddington bye-election gives cause for thought. The chief lesson from it is an uneasiness as to Parliamentarianism itself. Only a little over half the voters went down the streets to the polling booths at all, in spite of the vans, the posters, the loud-speakers, the canvassers, the causes, the meeting of Parliament, the crisis of our time. The South Paddington Conservative executive had chosen as its candidate a gentleman who could not answer questions save by post. If the machinery of local selection works so—and so it tends to work in all parties—then the days of Parliament as an instrument to solve the difficulties of our time are numbered. But the Caxton Hall meeting showed that Conservatism certainly is in no such general plight. The interest shifts then to Westminster.

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The Liberal Party opened its campaign in Parliament, neither in the constituencies nor in public dispute. In that it showed a sound resolve. Parliament is on its trial, and, of all parties, Liberalism historically and actually must be its defender. The defence of Parliament is by treating it as a real thing, to bring forward real proposals, to move amendments to real Bills, to argue on real statistics, to face real facts. It may be that our modern complexity of life and administration makes it impossible to follow through these arguments in a deliberative assembly, or that the calibre of popular representation is not such as to produce men who can give due weight to such consideration. So much the worse for Liberalism, then; if that is so it is done, both in philosophy and in practice. Therefore, Mr. Lloyd George argued in the House, pleaded, statistified, illuminated, and snapped. "There are not enough vitamins in the Government menu," he exclaimed with his old unequalled power of eviscerating a situation into a sentence. The House listened with a lackadaisical attention.

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The coming situation demands force rather than description, and the others doubt whether Mr. Lloyd George can pull and move his men forward together when the hour for action strikes. That is the final test of reality. Till that test is passed the Liberal cause is hamstrung also. Finally, there is the Government, and the Labour Party which supports it. These are now two separate entities. The Government has been shed off from its party and has moved into the realms of conferences, civil servants, world forces—Whitehall. They do not greet the reassembly of Parliament with the anticipation of men going forward again on a strong surge of popular opinion, but with the feelings of professionals called to justify technical inquiry and conclusion before a monkey-house of amateurs.

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Meanwhile in the party new movements are taking place. The Clyde Brigade suffered a more grievous loss than we know in the death of Mr. Wheatley. His organising power, his industry, his resolution were apparently indispensable. It was not by accident that he had achieved high office in municipal and in national affairs. The other members of the Clyde have refused to shoulder the galling yoke of office, to wrestle with the Files, to argue interminably with the omniscient Departments. The leadership of the dissidents is passing from them. They only mustered thirteen in an Amendment to the Address, and so confident were the Government Whips that they only brought down 158 men to the House against them.

The new figure is Sir Oswald Mosley. Like other famous figures, he comes from Birmingham way. He seems to have realised that what this country wants is twenty years of resolute government, and he is willing to go to great lengths to find a basis for action which shall not be torn up by every General Election. The Labour Party, as such, has no drive behind it. It could, perhaps, join with the Liberals and win another victory on the basis of Free Trade. It is increasingly doubtful if it desires to win a victory on this basis.

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The touchstone of the situation remains, as ever, finance. We are getting to a stage when we shall either have to raise taxation yet again or to inflate. That will reveal the position. Great changes are going to be asked from the British people. They will bear the necessary sacrifices only if they are convinced that the objects they are asked to achieve are worthy. They are not convinced about the present objects of the Administration, and the King's Speech now brought forward does nothing to convince them. The problems of the twentieth century, the problem of glut, the problem of currency, the problem of the instrument by which to handle affairs, all demand an eagerness and vigour of attack of which we see here no sign. The country is, therefore, looking for a successor.

THE CASE FOR DISARMAMENT.

IS EUROPE READY?

By Edouard Herriot

(Formerly Premier of France).

The future of Europe may well hinge upon the result of the series of conferences that begin at Geneva on Thursday. The Preparatory Commission for the Limitation and Reduction of Armaments, which will meet there to-morrow, faces a task fraught with significance to Europe and the rest of the world as well. We have learned with pleasure that President Hoover has delegated two eminent statesmen to the conclave—Mr. Gibson, U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, and Mr. Hugh Wilson, Minister at Berne.

This meeting is awaited in France with a lively interest and anxious curiosity. At the beginning of October M. Aristide Briand mounted the tribune of the League of Nations to expose the views of our Government in conformity with the spirit and text of the Pact. He again took up the question of the triple formula that I had proposed and defended at Geneva in 1924: arbitration, security, and disarmament. In measured terms he described the anxiety of the French pacifists, our desire to pursue the work begun at the Naval Conference of London as well as the impossibility of France's acceptance of disarmament without security. He told of the progress already made, and, in particular, of the happy result expected from the convention relative to the financial entr'acte; but he maintained the necessity of the three notions that form the basis of France's doctrine.

Disarmament and Security.

Let us not dissimulate; on this question of disarmament there is obvious discord between our country and quite a group of Powers, including Germany, Austria, Hungary, Italy, and perhaps even Great Britain. We must, therefore, express ourselves frankly upon this subject.

Since the Geneva Assembly many men of political importance have given their opinions. In an article in "Le Journal," dated October 7, which stirred up great controversy in our midst, M. Paul Boncour, member of the Unified Socialist Party, as well as delegate to the League of Nations, wrote the following sentence: "The worst error we can be guilty of is to believe that disarmament in itself is security." M. Alexander Varenne, also a Unified Socialist, spoke in the same vein at Clermont Ferrand. The Radical-Socialist Congress at Grenoble ratified the same theme. If proven pacifists and authentic democrats find themselves in full accord with M. Briand, it is their duty to give their reasons publicly. Frankness above all.

The German Elections.

Naturally, we have not forgotten either Locarno or the Pact of Paris. We remain faithful to our purpose to sustain German democracy. But when we open our eyes, what do we see?

After the elections of September 14, which stirred profoundly all of our peace-loving Europe, there occurred the great manifestation of the Steel Helmets (Stahlhelm) with which are associated princes and former ruling families and the sons of the ex-Kaiser. Moreover, and let us remark it well, this significant meeting took place at Coblenz, on the territory demilitarised by the Treaty of Versailles; it strangely resembled mobilisation exercises; the chief of the organisation, Herr Seldte, delivered himself of words scarcely favourable to a reconciliation with France, and Herr Dursterberg pointedly advocated war, the return of Alsace to Germany, as well as Eupen, Malmedy, Austria. We are constrained to say that, if the members of the Steel Helmets become masters of Germany, neither the Treaty of Versailles nor the accords of Locarno nor the Kellogg-Briand Pacts will resist their fanaticism. And, in order to stress this movement, at once anti-pacifist and anti-democratic, we learn of the presence at Coblenz—a fact truly unfortunate for France—of a notorious Italian Fascist, the deputy Sr. Maltoni.

Treaty Revision.

While Dr. Schacht, speaking at Columbia University, advocated the definite cancellation of the post-war military treaties without doing us the honour of telling us what he intended to use as substitutes, a deputy of the Centre, Herr Joos, replying on October 16 in Berlin to the speech of the French Deputy Cot, complained of the mistrust displayed by France (on the morrow of the evacuation of the Rhineland) and declared that reconciliation between the two countries could not be effected by the maintenance of the status quo, and further demanded the revision of the treaties without even agreeing that the revision should be pacifistic. He, moreover, declared that the problem of disarmament should be treated separately, without letting France link it to that of security. In the Reichstag, Herr Strasser, one of the chiefs of the National Socialist Party, asked that there be substituted "for the corrupt and criminal régime which has lasted a dozen years" the moral ideal of the Bismarckian Empire.

Thus, to sum up, on one hand the manifestation of the Steel Helmets, a hundred thousand men advocating the "rearmament" of Germany, a purely military demonstration on a field of manœuvres by manifestants in "feldgrau," the ex-Kronprinz in the marching columns, and on the other hand a series of disturbing declarations, among them the offensive idea of the return to the Bismarckian formula. Who can fail to understand our fears? We pay our respects to the liberal spirit of the German social democracy. But we mistrust those who fight the spirit so bitterly. Upon reflection, one may well understand that a strong France can protect German democracy as well as French democracy.

Italy's Claim for Naval Parity.

Italy continues to conduct her campaign for the revision of the treaties, and directs it against France. Recently, the "Popolo d'Italia" went so far as to declare that the Italians inhabiting Nice and Corsica live "under foreign domination." On October 7 we learned from Rome that forty-eight battalions of Fascist militia had been enrolled for ten years' service in the black shirt units, and had claimed naval parity with France, a statement that closed the door to all negotiations. In the palace at Venice, where the members of the Council betook themselves for the installation of the new directory, it was observed the status of these battalions was fixed—cohorts endowed with all the characteristics of the army. Italian youth has been militarised, from eight to fourteen years in the Balilla units, from fourteen to eighteen years in the vanguard formations, from eighteen to twenty-one years in the young combat groups, called fasces, then in the militia. Does not Italy realise that Germany has never renounced that country which she still calls the Sud Tyrol?

An Unfounded Accusation.

What is particularly amazing, however, is the fact that, while a large part of Europe is becoming Fascist or Bolshevik, a skilful propaganda accuses France of remaining the centre of militarism. We had, before the war, for the mother-country and her colonies, an army of 810,000 men and a three-year service. We have to-day an army of only 556,000 men and a one-year service. No one believes that we are quite ready to effect a still greater reduction, once we are reassured as to the intentions of other European nations. After the evacuation of the Rhineland, after the substitution of the Young Plan for the Dawes Plan, after having freed Germany of all foreign control, have we not the right, the moral right as well as political right, to hope for some sort of grateful recognition on the part of other nations? However, we have observed the contrary. We are now being accused of maintaining a "psychosis" for war!

France will remain faithful to Article 8 of the Pact which she signed. But what, now, does this Pact say concerning the question of disarmament? Article 8, which has been so bitterly discussed, reads thus: "The members of the League recognise that the maintenance of peace requires the reduction of national armaments to the minimum compatible with national security and with the execution of international obligations imposed by common action." It is to this text that we must always return. The Pact provided that the Council of the League "would prepare the plans of reduction, taking into consideration the geographic situation and special conditions peculiar to each people." It also conceived an international organisation which, unfortunately, has never materialised. At any rate, it links strictly for each nation the question of disarmament with that of security. The first paragraph of Article 8 is definite. There is found the answer to the importunities of those who wish to separate the two terms.

France, busied with protecting her independence and her moral principles at the same time, asks nothing more than respect for the Pact of the League of Nations. She will never attack anyone, but she does not want another invasion. She wants to be able to protect herself.

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[This article was written before Signor Mussolini's pugnacious speech at Rome on Monday last.]

DOMINION PREMIERS IN BATTLE OF PORTLAND.

DAY OF THRILLS WITH THE FLEET

UNDER TORPEDO FIRE AND SUBMARINE ATTACK.

ENGAGEMENT WATCHED FROM H.M.S. NELSON.

Statesmen of the Empire and Indian Princes were the privileged spectators yesterday of a display given by warships of the Atlantic Fleet.

Aboard H.M.S. Nelson, one of the most powerful battle-cruisers in existence, they were borne into engagements which took place in the English Channel, off Portland.

They experienced the thrills of Naval warfare without its attendant risks, H.M.S. Nelson being in turn attacked by submarines and being subject to torpedo fire.

It was a convincing indication to the visitors from overseas of the part the British Navy plays in safeguarding the Empire and patrolling her trade routes.

A FLEET TO BE PROUD OF.

FROM SIR JOHN FOSTER FRASER

ABOARD H.M.S. NELSON,
PORTLAND, Saturday Night.

This has been an "off" day for the delegates attending the Imperial Conference. Escaping from talk about developing Empire trade, tariffs, quotas, bulk purchase, and such economic problems, and rather tired of attending innumerable banquets, they have been at sea with the Atlantic Fleet.

This made it necessary that most of them should rise at dawn to leave Waterloo Station shortly after seven o'clock in the morning by special train. They ought to be back in their London hotels by midnight

If any of them thought after the recent Naval Conference that British warships were all on the way to the scrap heap they were put right. They had a great time on this flagship, with Admiral Sir Henry Hedges, the Commander-in-Chief, as their host. There were also present a number of the Indian Princes who are in England for the Round Table Conference

The weather was grey, and at times there was slashing rain. Umbrellas seemed unusual on a battleship, and one recognised that heavy rolls of muslin turban did not provide exactly the best head-covering for a trip at sea with a breeze blowing.

The Prime Minister had intended to fly here from Chequers, but bad weather stayed his purpose. Nor was Mr. Scullin of Australia with us, while General Hertzog preferred a visit to the Irish Free State.

We were certainly a mixed crowd that tumbled out of the train at the Portland landing jetty and jostled our way to H.M.S. Snapdragon to take us to the fleet flagship. There were Cabinet Ministers, with Mr. Alexander (First Lord of the Admiralty) looking sturdy and sailorlike in his peaked cap and swinging binoculars, Mr. Tom Shaw, the not very martial Minister for War, jocular Mr. Thomas, swopping yarns with friends from overseas, Sir William Jowitt, the Attorney-General, keen on snapshotting, Sir Maurice Hankey, who knows more diplomatic secrets than any man in the world, the Maharajah of Bikaner in heavy top coat, lesser Indian visitors, who were interested but looked cold, and a great many other folk of varying degree.

So we climbed aboard the Nelson, grey and powerful, of 35,000 tons, to be taken charge of, in groups, by cheery, stiff-chinned young officers. The ship's band welcomed us to a short life on the ocean wave, while seaplanes swooped overhead.

£2,000 a Salvo.

Her anchor up, Nelson went into the thin mist hanging over the Channel. A great demonstration had been prepared, so we were constantly moving across the broad decks of the flagship, dodging under the mighty 16-inch guns. It would cost the country £2,000 for a complete salvo of the Nelson's guns to be fired for real business, but £800 if it is only honorary noise that is required.

At sea the Nelson was joined by the Warspite, the Barham, and the Malaya, which did gallant service at Jutland In all there were sixty war vessels, including the Iron Duke, Jellicoe's flagship in that historic but uncertain fight, and is destined to pass into the gloom under the Naval Treaty which came into force only the other day. Crouching in the drab distance was H.M.S. Adventure, which, we learned, had laid a minefield. The Nelson did not mind. She threw over her paravanes and thrust the mines on either side. Mistress Adventurer, pretending she was pursued, threw half-a-dozen mines from her stem, but minesweepers of the First Flotilla put them out of action. A couple of submarines, the Oberon and Proteus, were lying lazily on the heaving sea Suddenly they behaved as though they were nervous or up to mischief. Within a minute they had sunk and were gone. A hundred spectators with glasses poised gambled where they would appear. All were wrong; they suddenly bobbed up ahead with the water tumbling off them like a cataract.

Shaken by Explosions.

We were piped to luncheon. The band gave us 'Hearts of Oak" and the "Death of Nelson" and "Rule, Britannia," and a young captain son of a famous Admiral and keen as mustard, in charge of the control of the lesser guns on the Nelson and who was my neighbour, told me about his work. He illustrated his explanation with drawings on the back of a menu card. When the port had passed round, the Commander gave us the "King-Emperor"—the "Emperor" being added to the toast because of the Indians with us.

Upon deck again, we watched a submarine attack on the Nelson frustrated by destroyers of the Sixth Flotilla. Few of those submarines can have got clear away, for the destroyers dropped many depth charges. The destroyers were a mile from us, but at every explosion the Nelson shook violently as though she herself had been hit.

Warships like the Emperor of India, which was not at Jutland, and the Marlborough, which was followed by the battle cruisers Renown, which took the Prince of Wales on his long tours to distant Dominions; Repulse, which took him to South America; and Tiger, which fought at the Dogger Bank and at Jutland, and which is marked for scrapping next year, came with others in the wake of the Nelson. Aeroplanes jumped from the Couoageous two to the minute The Courageous carries sixty of these aircraft, which buzzed around diving and soaring like a swarm of angry wasps.

Steered by Wireless.

Down came a thick screen of rain to hide the horizon for a time. It looked as though some of the afternoon programme would be a real wash-out, but the drenching ceased. Below the heavy clouds the world was aglow with sunshine. The battleships appeared like black silhouettes on the horizon's brim. There was much hoisting of Joseph's-coat flags, and hauling them down, and sharp electric eyes blinked across the waters.

A floating target was in sight, drawn by the old-timer, H.M.S. Centurion. There is nobody on board the Centurion, but her engines are working and her course is varied as though a helmsman were in control. Three miles off, hardly noticed at first, is a destroyer—the Shikari—and it is from this vessel that the Centurion was directed by the agency of wireless telegraphy.

The Barham, the Malaya, and the Warspite, as though they wanted to recall the afternoon of the Jutland fight, opened fire at the target five or six miles away with 15-inch shells. Through glasses we could see where the target was pierced and ripped, while tall geysers advertised the misses. The heavens reverberated, shook, and reverberated again with the tumult of the thunderous attack.

Thrilling as it was, we expected something more exciting. Somewhere in the heavy haze of the East the destroyers of the Sixth Flotilla had hidden themselves. Perhaps they were three miles away when they appeared, shadowy shapes. When two miles off they threw their torpedoes at the Nelson, turned tail, and chased back into the mist.

It was reckoned that in five minutes the Nelson would be bumped hard by torpedoes with no vice in them. We caught a glimpse of the white trail of the torpedoes, and waited and kept on waiting. Nothing happened, for either the calculation of direction was wrong, or the Nelson swerved and put on speed and got away, a matter a mere landsman can have no opinion about.

Display to Remember.

As the day waned and the flagship was turning homeward, the Fifth Flotilla of destroyers opened fire with 4-inch shells on the Centurion. Miles away, the Shikadi was causing her to dodge and twist, but she got many a straight hit, disclosed by a lightning flash. Not only the Dominion and Indian delegates crowded to enjoy the marksmanship, but many of the Nelson's 1,400 hands thronged forward.

It was with recollections of a wonderful afternoon that, in the dark, we came back to Portland Harbour and stood in the lee of the great guns to watch the glittering lights of Weymouth. Canadians, Australians, and Indians, and we British also, felt very proud of what we had seen of the Atlantic Fleet.

AEROPLANE FORCED DOWN.

MISHAP IN STORM.

During the Fleet operations, an aeroplane, operating from aircraft carrier Courageous, was forced down by a storm in a field at Wyke Regis, near Weymouth. It was badly damaged.

Two other machines came down to render assistance, and one, in landing, was slightly damaged. The pilots escaped injury.

WORLD'S BIGGEST FLYING BOAT.

OFF TO AMERICA TO-DAY

CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Saturday.

The DO-X, the largest flying craft in the world, is ready to start on its voyage to America, and will commence its flight from Lake Constance to-morrow if the weather does not become foggy.

A year has been occupied in preparing the personnel and technical equipment, and the trial trips have proved that, so far as human skill can accomplish, DO-X is in perfect order for its first great trip.

Twenty-four thousand six hundred litres of fuel, a mixture of 90 per cent. benzine and 10 per cent. benzol, are on board, and there are 1,900 litres of oil in the tanks. Captain Christiansen, who is in command of the boat, was trained in the German merchant marine. During the war he was stationed at Zeebrugge. As pilot of a flying boat he shot down one enemy airship, and so seriously damaged an English submarine with shots from his plane that it sank when entering the Thames. It was he who objected to the official number D 1930 being given to DO-X, as addition of the figures makes thirteen, and the official designation was therefore changed to D 1929.

As DO-X travels at a speed of 135 miles per hour, it is hoped that Amsterdam will be reached to-morrow in four hours. The next stages will be Southampton, Havre, Corunna, and Lisbon, and from the latter city the flight to America will, if the weather is propitious, be commenced.

After leaving Europe DO-X will tank next at the Azores, and as the distance between the Azores and the Bermudas exceeds the aircraft's radius of action, fuel will be taken on board from a tankship half-way between these island groups.

From the Bermudas the boat will fly direct to New York.

Press representatives are to be permitted on board while DO-X is over Europe. Herr Moritz Dornier, representing the Dornier Construction Company, will be the only passenger, except that Dr. Clausius Dornier, the constructor of the new craft, will be taken on board in Amsterdam for the voyage to Southampton and Havre.

GIRL DEPORTED FROM CANADA

AFTER 17 YEARS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

Seventeen years after emigrating to Canada with her parents, Miss Alice Barton, a 26-year-old Bolton girl, arrived here as a deportee this morning broken in health and with a hopeless outlook for the future.

The Canadian official explanation for sending her back is that as a "chronic epileptic" she is likely to become a public charge at Hamilton, Ontario, and that Canadians do not support any inefficients unless within their own borders

When the liner berthed at the Liverpool landing stage this morning two women friends from Bolton embarked and visited Miss Barton in the ship's hospital. She was subsequently driven in an ambulance to the railway station and entrained for Bolton, where, it is understood, after seeing her relatives, she will receive medical attention at Townley's Hospital.

Three weeks ago another former Bolton, woman, Mrs Ainsworth (48), was also deported from Hamilton, where she had lived for twenty years, on the grounds of epilepsy.

The holding of an inquiry and protest into the case of Miss Barton and Mrs. A. Ainsworth is being considered.

WAR MEMORIES.

KIPLING'S SATIRE ON THE SOCIALISTS.

A large number and variety of features of interest will appear in the "Daily Telegraph" this week. Notable among them is a new poem by Mr. Rudyard Kipling, which will be published to-morrow. It is entitled "Memories." Mr. Kipling has been deeply moved by the avowed determination of the Socialists to seek "the eradication of memories of the Great War," and in some burning lines, which dramatically are given as if spoken by the Socialist Government, he records the pitiful desire, by "small corroding words," to destroy the meaning of the day when we honour the Glorious Dead:

"But—see Their memory is slain
Long ere Their bones are dust."

Prince Bülow's "Memoirs" are to be resumed in the "Daily Telegraph" to-morrow. World-wide interest was excited by the revelations of the former German Chancellor when the first instalments appeared in that journal in the summer. The reminiscences are taken up at a particularly interesting phase, when the foundations were being laid of the German policy which ultimately was to lead to war. Prince Bülow discusses the character and actions of the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm with the utmost frankness, and lays open many long-kept secrets.

BORED CHOIRBOYS.

VICAR'S ANTIDOTE FOR "GROWN-UP" SERMONS.

Realising that young boys cannot be expected to sit quiet for a long period when they can have no interest in what is going on, the Vicar of St. Michael's, Oxford, has provided a number of books for choir boys to read during sermons.

"The books provided are those which boys delight to read," he told a reporter yesterday, "and at the same time should help and inspire them more than the half-understood phrases of a grown-up sermon."

MR. LANSBURY'S NEW SECRETARY

Mr. Lansbury, First Commissioner of Works, has appointed Mr. Frank Smith, M.P., to be his Parliamentary Private Secretary, in succession to Mr. Ernest Thurtle, M.P. Mr. Thurtle, who is Mr. Lansbury's son-in-law, was recently appointed a Junior Lord of the Treasury (unpaid), following the resignation of Mr. Alfred Barnes, M.P.

Mr. Frank Smith, who is member for the Nuneaton Division of Warwickshire, is 76 years old. For eighteen years he sat on the London County Council.

FRANCE AND THE R101.

BEAUVAIS, Saturday.

In connection with the All Souls Day remembrance ceremonies throughout France, flowers were placed on the War Memorial at Allonne in memory of the dead of R 101.

The British Legion sent flowers to the nuns at Beauvais Hospital, who looked after the injured in the disaster.—Exchange.

INDIA AT THE CONFERENCE.

VITAL HINDU-MOSLEM DECISION.

A UNITED FRONT.

DOMINION STATUS OR WITHDRAWAL.

By Our DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

As a result of private meetings held by the Indian members of the Round Table Conference since their arrival in London an important decision has been reached.

Both the Hindu and Moslem representatives have agreed to present what they describe as a "united front" at the very beginning of the Conference proper.

They will intimate that, unless it is acknowledged by the British Government that Dominion status is to be granted, nothing will be gained by continuing the discussions.

A leading Indian member of the Conference yesterday stated to the SUNDAY TIMES:

"We approach the coming Conference in a spirit of goodwill and with an earnest desire to recognise the British claim to a big say in India; but we can only concede that say in the spirit of equal partnership. We want Dominion status. Without that the proceedings will be futile and we shall withdraw."

PRINCES' MEETING TO-DAY.

For the continuance of discussions already begun, an informal meeting of the Indian States Delegation will be held at St. James's Palace to-day. Various constitutional questions will be reviewed before they are remitted to committees for further examination in preparation for the Round Table Conference.

One of the main points to be discussed is the implications of Federation, a point upon which it is believed the success of the Round Table Conference will largely depend.

All the Indian Princes now in London hope to be present at to-day's meeting, including the Maharajah Jam Sahib of Nawanagar ("Ranji"), who has been ill, but is now convalescent. The Maharajah of Patiala is still detained in Paris by illness. The Maharajah Gaekwar of Baroda will be invited to preside.

The second informal meeting of the members of the British-Indian Delegation will be held at 3 p.m. to-morrow in the Throne Room at St. James's Palace.

The Nawab of Bhopal and the Maharajah of Darbhanga arrived in London yesterday. The former was accompanied by the Begum and their daughters.

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GIORGIONE'S "TEMPEST."

NO TRUTH IN STORY OF £550,000 OFFER.

The SUNDAY TIMES is officially informed that the report, published in a Berlin evening paper, that Sir Joseph Duveen has bought Giorgione's picture "The Tempest" from Prince Giovanelli for £550,000 is incorrect.

A Reuter message from Berlin states that the attempt of Sir Joseph Duveen to buy Vermeer's "Girl With a Wine-Glass" for £135,000 has failed.

The National-Socialist Government of Brunswick has informed the Brunswick Museum Foundation that it forbids the sale of the picture abroad. It has been suggested to the Ministry of the Interior of the Reich that the painting should be placed on the list of those works of art which may not be exported.

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POLITICAL NOTES

CONSERVATIVES AT CAXTON HALL.

CONFIDENCE IN MR. BALDWIN.

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

Thursday's meeting of the Conservative peers, M.P.s, and candidates has definitely cleared the air and restored the health of the party. Everything worked well. Following the suggestion made in this column last Sunday, the candidates were invited as well as the sitting M.P.s, discussion had free vein, and Lord Salisbury, who took the chair after Mr. Baldwin's departure, decided with characteristic good judgment that the question whether the vote should be open or by ballot should be decided by the sense of the meeting. Perhaps because they felt that they were fighting a losing battle, the complainants, as I may call them, did not put their case to the best advantage, much of it being irrelevant to the vote of confidence; and the debating honours were with Lord Hailsham, who, after a brilliant review of the situation, put the object of the meeting in a nutshell: that the vote was not to decide whether Mr. Baldwin was the ideal leader, but whether he was not the man who was best calculated of any person available to lead the party to victory.

It is useless to ignore the fact that a minority of 116 is by no means a negligible quantity, but it is easy to exaggerate its importance as an expression of confidence or otherwise in the leader of the party. From the character of the references to Mr. Baldwin that were made in the speeches of the complainants it was evident that there was very little personal hostility to him at the meeting, and that the minority vote was mainly an expression of dissatisfaction with the record of the last Ministry and the weight of "the old gang" in the councils of the party. This was definitely Colonel Gretton's view. If there could have been an assurance that Mr. Baldwin would rid himself of some of the dead weight of his last Ministry, and find room for the fresh blood which is admittedly available, I think the malcontents would have shrunk by more than half.

The Anti-Baldwin Vendetta.

One clear feature of the gathering was a hot resentment against the attempt of self-constituted dictators to run Conservatism and determine its leadership and policy. Even if Mr. Baldwin's shortcomings had been so considerable as to cripple his usefulness to the party, the majority of those present, I am confident, would have refused to throw him to the wolves in order to satisfy what is patently a personal vendetta.

As it is, the vote of confidence that he has received is fully representative and satisfactory, and he has wisely determined to implement it by continuing his leadership. He is not the man to cherish resentment against those who felt themselves impelled by duty to oppose him, and we may reasonably hope that now their discontent has been aired the bulk of the minority will, as Sir Henry Page Croft has already done, return to their customary loyalty. Reconciliation will be the easier if, on the other part, there is in future less remoteness from the rank and file, and more interest in their actions and reactions.

South Paddington.

The result of the South Paddington bye-election was due to Lord Beaverbrook's astute choice of his Crusader candidate, a breezy sailorman of the type that everyone likes, and every woman loves, and the unremitting energy with which his lordship conducted the campaign, both in personal effort and in Press influence. Also the atmosphere of the week was a tremendous factor in his favour. No one could measure in the early part of the week the extent of the Conservative "cave," and the publication on the eve of the polling of the alleged "Conservative M.P.s' Declaration"—the source of which is, as Mr. Yellowplush would have put it, "wropt in mistry"—undoubtedly lost the official Conservative Party hundreds of votes, for the lie had at least twelve hours' start of the disclaimers. Happily the seat is not lost to Conservatism, for, although Admiral Taylor will not receive the party whip, he will sit with the party and generally vote with it.

Tuesday's Division.

The first critical division of the new Session will take place on Tuesday on the Conservative amendment to the address, which regrets the failure of the Government to propose any measure "adequate to deal with the crisis in the industrial, agricultural, and commercial situation, or to check the continued growth of unemployment." The amendment has been cleverly drafted, for it focusses the criticisms that have come not only from the Conservative benches, but also from the Liberals and from Labour back-benchers, and it is obvious that if both the Liberals and the Labour malcontents give logical effect to their criticisms by going into the lobby with the Conservatives, the Government will be heavily beaten. Even if they do not vote for the amendment, but simply abstain, the Government will have at best a narrow majority.

The Liberals' Embarrassment.

It may be doubted, however, whether the Labour malcontents will, when the test comes, put the Government in peril, and the issue will almost certainly turn on the action taken by the Liberals, who are meeting to-morrow night to consider the position. They find it decidedly embarrassing Apparently the negotiations with the Government, which have been in progress during the recess, have not so far resulted in any agreement. Mr. Lloyd George, it is understood, has not been unaccommodating, and has been willing to modify his request for a large scale loan. Mr. Snowden, however, remains adamant in the view that such a loan is unnecessary; that all the capital and other resources for industrial reorganisation on sound lines will be provided through the normal financial channels; and that in any event the Government is undertaking quite enough by way of guarantee and contribution under the schemes relating to Colonial development, the assistance of local authorities at home, and the guarantees under the export credits scheme. In the circumstances the bulk of the Liberals will, probably, abstain from voting, though a few of them may go into the lobby with the Government to avert a crisis.

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SOCIALISTS ROUTED AT THE POLLS.

DECISIVE CONSERVATIVE VICTORIES IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

MAJORITIES SWEPT AWAY.

The Conservative Party achieved a great triumph in the Municipal Elections yesterday. Early this morning the position was as follows:—

	Gains.	Losses.
Conservatives ...	77	9
Liberals	9	16
Socialists	26	86
Independents ...	19	20

The significance of the the results is that the Socialist reverses occurred in the industrial areas. At Sheffield, where Socialists have been in control for some years their majority fell from 30 to 18.

At Hull, the Socialist majority of four has been converted into a minority of five. There are five new wards, owing to extended city boundaries.

IN THE BIG CITIES.

At Leeds there has been a rearrangement of wards, providing for the addition of 27 seats on the Council. Of these Conservatives gained 24 and Liberals 3. Conservatives now have complete control of the City Council in place of the Socialists.

Of the candidates going to the poll, 46 out of 47 Conservatives were returned, 5 Liberals out of 32, and 27 Socialists out of 69.

The Conservatives gained six seats at both Birmingham and Liverpool, five at Manchester, four at both Salford and Bolton, and three at Birkenhead. The Socialist majority at Blackburn was converted into a minority of seven, and at Swansea, where they formerly had a majority of one, Labour sustained two losses.

MAYOR-ELECT DEFEATED.

A Socialist majority of two at Barnsley was converted into a minority of four. The Labour Mayor-elect was defeated.

One of the most striking of the earlier results was at Derby—a Labour stronghold—where three Labour seats were lost to Conservatives. At Huddersfield, another Labour Parliamentary seat, not one of the ten Labour candidates was successful, Conservatives and Liberals each gaining one Labour seat. At Doncaster five Labour candidates were defeated, and Labour lost one seat.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

STRIKING CHANGES.

The following are results received up to the time of going to Press:—

ACTON.—No change.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—Four Conservative gains, three from Liberals and one from Labour.

BARNSLEY.—Independents gained three seats from Labour. Mr. J. Jones, Labour Mayor-Elect, was defeated.

BARROW.—No change.

BATH.—N change

BIRMINGHAM.—Conservatives gained six seats, five from Labour, and one from Independents.

BIRKENHEAD.—Three Conservative gains from Labour.

BLACKBURN.—Conservatives gained four seats from Labour, returning all their eleven candidates. Labour put up ten candidates and returned only two.

BRADFORD.—No change.

BOLTON.—Conservatives gained three seats from Labour and one from Liberals.

BRISTOL.—No change.

BURNLEY.—One Conservative gain from Labour. Communist candidate received 77 votes.

BURTON ON TRENT.—No change.

BURY (Lancs.).—Labour gained two seats from Liberals. A Communist candidate polled 68 votes.

CARDIFF.—Three Independent and one Liberal gain from Labour. Four Labour leaders, including Mr. Peter Freeman, M.P., were defeated.

CARLISLE.—Labour gained two seats from Independents.

CHESTERFIELD.—Two Labour gains from Independents.

COLNE.—One Conservative gain from Labour.

COVENTRY.—Labour gained one seat from the Conservatives.

CROYDON.—Ratepayers' Association, 47; Labour, 10. No change.

DERBY.—Three Conservative gains from Labour.

DONCASTER.—One Independent gain from Labour. All five Labour candidates were defeated.

DEWSBURY.—Two Independent gains from Labour.

DUDLEY.—Conservatives gained three seats—one from Liberal, one from Labour, and one from Independents.

EASTBOURNE.—One Labour gain from Moderates. (Mr. J. W. Woolnough, a councillor, who was responsible for the Downs purchase scheme, was at the bottom of the poll.)

EXETER.—No change.

EAST HAM.—Labour, 27; anti-Labour, 13. Labour gained two seats from anti-Labour.

GATESHEAD.—One Labour gain from Liberals.

GRIMSBY.—Liberal and Labour each gained a seat from Conservatives.

HALIFAX.—No change.

HORNSEY.—Moderates, 29; Independents, 11. No change.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Conservatives and Liberals gained one seat each from Labour. Labour had ten candidates, and not one succeeded.

KEIGHLEY.—Labour lost one seat to Conservatives and gained one from Liberals.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Conservatives, 19; Liberals, 8; Labour 1; Independent, 4. No change.

LEEDS.—The Conservatives gained complete control of the Council in which Labour formerly held a majority of three. On the new Council Conservatives hold 46 seats, Liberals 5, and Labour 27.

LEICESTER.—Three Conservative gains from Labour.

LEIGH (Lancs).—No change.

LINCOLN.—No change.

LIVERPOOL.—Conservatives gained six seats from Labour, and Protestants gained one seat from Independents.

MANCHESTER.—Five Conservative gains, two from Labour, two from Liberal, and one from Independent.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—Two Labour gains from Independents.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—No Change.

NELSON.—No change.

NEWCASTLE.—Labour gained one seat from Liberals.

NEWPORT (MON).—Conservatives and Liberals each gained one from Labour.

NORTHAMPTON.—Labour gained one each from Conservatives and Liberals.

NORWICH.—One Labour gain from Liberals.

NOTTINGHAM.—One Conservative gain from Labour.

OLDHAM.—Conservatives gained two seats, one from Labour and the other from Liberals.

PLYMOUTH.—Labour lost five seats to Conservatives and one to Liberals.

PORTSMOUTH.—Conservatives and Labour each lost a seat, and the Independents and the New Ratepayers' Association gained one each.

RICHMOND (Surrey).—Labour, 2; Independents, 38. No change. All five Labour candidates defeated.

ROTHERHAM.—No change.

SALFORD.—Four Conservative gains from Labour and one Liberal gain from Labour.

SMETHWICK.—Conservatives gained two seats from Labour.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Labour, 3; Independents, 37. No change.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Labour gained one seat from Independents

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Labour gained one seat from Conservatives.

ST. HELENS.—One Conservative gain from Labour.

STAFFORD.—Two Labour gains from Independents and Ratepayers' Association gain from Independents.

STOCKPORT.—Two conservative gains from Labour.

SHEFFIELD.—Labour lost six seats, five to the Conservatives and one to the new Independent Liberals

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—One Independent gain from Labour.

SUNDERLAND.—Independent gained one seat from Conservatives.

SWANSEA.—Conservatives gained one seat from Liberals and one from Labour.

PRESTON.—One Conservative gain from Labour.

READING.—Anti-Labour, 36; Labour, 15; Independent, 1. Anti-Labour gained one from Labour.

SWINDON.—Labour lost one seat to anti-Labour.

TYNEMOUTH.—No change.

WALLASEY.—Labour gained one seat from Independents.

WALSALL.—One Conservative gain from Labour.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Labour, 37; Anti-Socialist, 8; Conservatives, 3. Three Conservative gains from Labour.

WARRINGTON.—No change.

WEST BROMWICH.—Liberals gained one seat from Labour.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Liberals gained one seat from Conservatives.

WEST HAM.—Labour, 56; Anti-Labour, 8. One Anti-Labour gain from Labour.

WIGAN.—One Labour gain from Conservatives.

WIMBLEDON.—Conservatives, 18; Liberals, 3; Labour, 1; Independent, 2. No change.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—Independents gained one seat from Labour.

WORCESTER.—One Conservative gain from Labour.

YORK.—Conservatives and Liberals each gained one seat from Labour and Independent.

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AN EMPEROR'S CROWNING.

EAST MEETS WEST IN ETHIOPIA.

TO-DAY'S CEREMONY

PRELUDE TO WEEK OF REJOICING.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ADDIS ABEBA, Saturday.

There was a foretaste to-day of the pageantry of the coronation ceremony when Ras Tafari Makonen, who will to-morrow assume the Crown of Solomon, unveiled the statue of his great-uncle, Menelik the Second, in the principal square of the capital.

The Imperial throne, flanked by gilt chairs, was placed in front of the statue. Here the Emperor of Ethiopia, clad in a purple cape heavily embroidered in gold, stood surrounded by his Ministers.

The Duke of Gloucester, the Prince of Udine, and other foreign delegates were present at the ceremony.

Notable figures were the tribal chiefs, each armed with sword, rifle, and lance. Most of them wore the traditional lion's mane head-dress, but some had assumed diplomatic cocked-hats, which accorded strangely with Abyssinian costume.

Thousands of armed tribesmen filled the approaches to the square, but perfect order was kept.

CAPITAL TRANSFORMED.

Addis Abeba—or that part of it visible to foreign visitors—has been transformed into a European city by the magic wand of the ruler.

In three months of feverish preparation, miles of dusty and pot-holed streets have been converted into smoothly macadamised roads, lined by electric light standards. Open-air markets have been closed and street-booths have been temporarily banished from the capital. All lepers have been expelled from the city, and beggars have been warned off the streets.

As a final instance of the thoroughness of the process of modernisation, dozens of miles of high fences have been put up to hide the crowded squalor of native huts.

KHAKI-CLAD TROOPS.

In keeping with the newly found modernity of Addis Abeba are the troops that throng the streets, garbed in new European uniforms of khaki. Although a concession has been made to Abyssinian custom in allowing the soldiers to go barefoot, they are remarkably smart in appearance.

Yesterday afternoon I saw the rehearsal of the Coronation procession, with the fine State coach—once that of the ex-Kaiser—and six Hungarian steeds driven by an expert Hungarian coachman.

Against the hastily contrived European background the subjects of the new Emperor assert the unchangeable African character of his Empire. Between the rows of electric light standards ride wide-hatted chieftains, armed with rifles, and followed by retainers clad in white. Camels slouch along the macadamised roads, towering over recently imported motor-cars.

The gilt equestrian statue unveiled to-day stands in the shadow of the cathedral to which Ras Tafari, robed in crimson velvet, will drive to-morrow morning to be crowned.

Here relays of Coptic priests have for days been praying for the welfare of the King of Kings, and here rest the diadems which will be placed by the Archbishop, or "Abuna," on the heads of the ruler and his consort. The Imperial crown, of Abyssinian gold encrusted with diamonds and emeralds, is reputed to be worth £100,000.

WEEK OF REJOICING.

The coronation ceremony itself, with all its splendour, will be eclipsed in magnificence by the State reception at noon, at which the Emperor will receive the congratulations of the Duke of Gloucester, and the other foreign representatives; and the climax will be reached with the State banquet which will bring the day to an end.

Among the guests will be the Duke of Gloucester, the Prince of Udine, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, the Earl of Airlie, and Marshal Franchet d'Esperly. Dishes prepared by a French chef will be served on gold plate, and the wines will be of the most highly prized vintages.

For seven days the festivities will go on. There will be races, a review of the Emperor's army, processions, and banquets. The Duke of Gloucester's party will pay a visit on Monday to the Imperial mausoleum.

The Duke, who has already enjoyed some shooting near the capital, will bid farewell to the Emperor next Sunday on his departure for the remoter Abyssinian game-lands.

The scene of splendour will be laid, says Reuter, within the grounds of the Cathedral of St. George (Ethiopia's patron saint), for this ancient African State has retained its primitive form of Christianity since it was converted from Paganism in the fourth century.

STRANGE MUSIC.

The music in an Abyssinian church falls strangely on European ears. The priests beat drums with their hands, shake curious little cymbals and all chant, swaying their bodies and slowly waving prayer-sticks.

The usual style of an Abyssinian church is circular, with the holy of holies enclosed by an outer gallery, and that in turn enclosed by a public gallery. The gallery walls of the Coronation church have not been carried to the roof, so that the many guests may actually witness the Coronation ceremony. The leading members of the many Foreign Missions gathered for the occasion are, with the Diplomatic Corps, being accommodated inside the church.

A religious service will follow at nine o'clock in the Cathedral itself, a stone-built, octagonal-shaped building, surmounted by a large central dome, and having galleries decorated with life-size paintings from the Scriptures and portraits of noted Abyssinian characters.

His Majesty has already received the presents of the envoys' countries, monarchs, and presidents. The principal gift of Great Britain consisted of a beautiful gold sceptre for the Emperor with an ivory sceptre for Waizeru Meenen, his Royal Consort. A magnificent sword and valuable manuscripts were also presented. The French and Italian Governments each sent an aeroplane.

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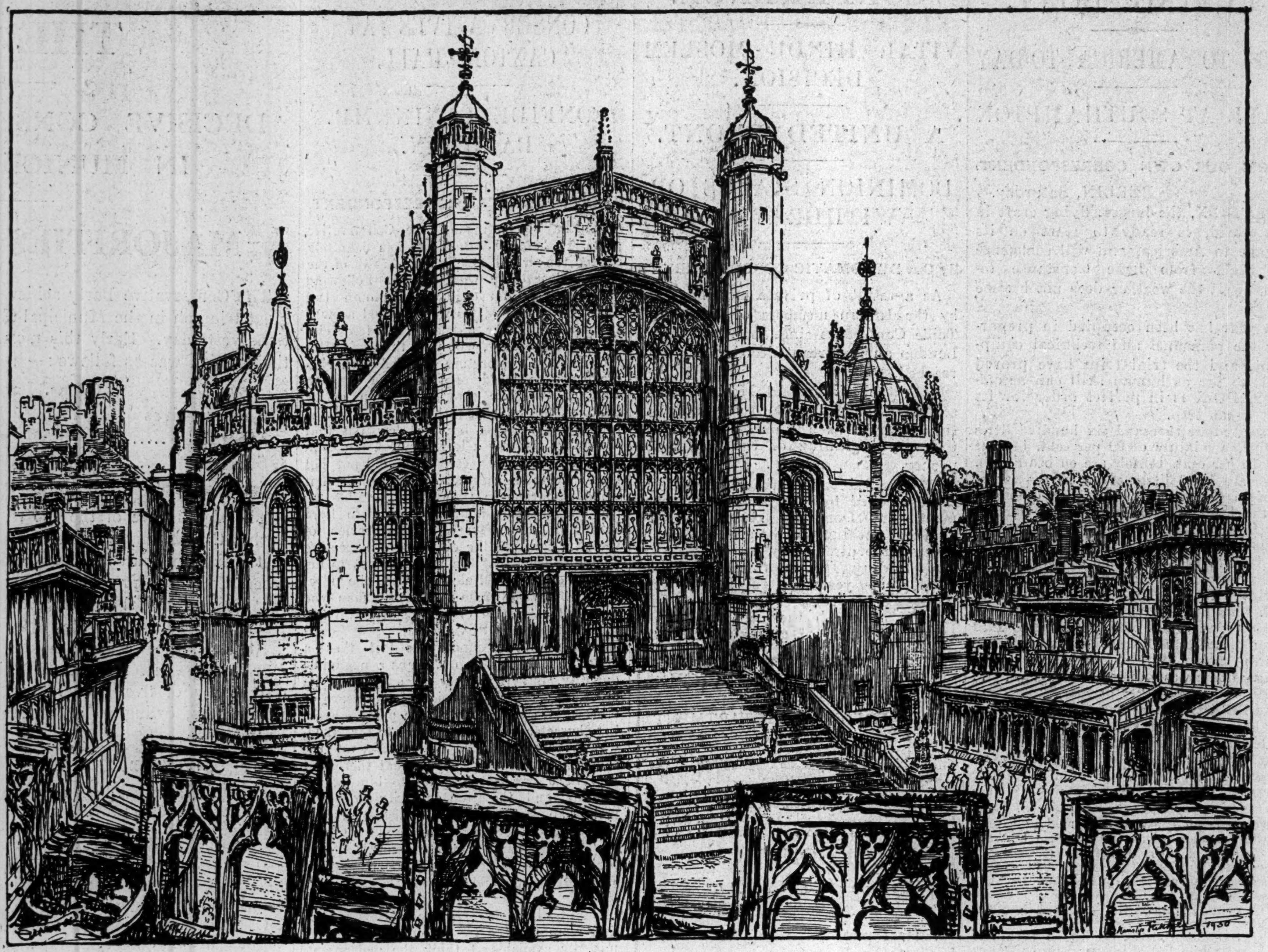

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St. George's Chapel, Windsor, which will be re-opened after restoration on Tuesday by a thanksgiving service to be attended by the King and Queen and other members of the Royal family. **An article describing the chapel appears on page 11.**

VICAR & FUNERAL ORATIONS.

LANGUAGE WHICH IS TOO LAUDATORY.

"WRONG THINKING."

The use of extravagant language in orations and hymns at funerals is criticised by the Rev. C. E. Harris, vicar of St. John's, Bathwick, Bath. Writing in the current issue of his parish magazine, Mr. Harris says:—

"One cannot but be conscious, in reading accounts of some funeral, that there must be a great deal of wrong thinking on this subject. Hymns are sung and orations delivered which, in their language, would appear to identify the departed relative or friend with the very chiefest of saints, when, very often, his known and remembered actions would entirely fail to endorse such a verdict.

"We know that, with God, all things are possible, and that He can refuse to reward us after our iniquities. In the Litany we pray to that effect.

"It is a right and proper thing, too, to exercise, always, the virtue of hope, along with faith and love. But, above all things, let us remember the awful purity and majesty of God, and realise how much our dear departed need the help of our prayers that they may be purified from all the stain of sin and be perfected in blessedness."

AMATEUR BOXERS' JUBILEE.

THE PRINCE'S MESSAGE.

The Prince of Wales sent a message to the jubilee dinner of the Amateur Boxing Association, which was held last evening at Chiltern Court, Baker Street.

Mr. P. Seaton, who was in the chair, read the following telegram from His Royal Highness: "I much regret that I cannot be present at to-night's Jubilee Dinner. As patron I know all the Association is doing to promote the high standard that amateur boxing enjoys in this country. I send my congratulations to all who have worked so hard to bring the Association to its present important position in the world's sport and my best wishes for the success of its future."

Mr. Noel Curtis-Bennett, in proposing the Founders of the Association, referred to the good work of the organisation during the past 50 years, and the great encouragement it had given to all affiliated clubs and more especially to schoolboy boxing. He said that Mr. J. H. Douglas and Mr. B. J. Angle were the only survivors of those who founded amateur boxing 50 years ago.

Mr. Douglas was present and gave a brief review of the Association's history.

Many past and present champions were present at the gathering.

LATE NEWS

POLICE CHARGE CROWD.

ONE KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED IN SPAIN.

According to a Reuter message from Madrid this morning, General Berenguer, in a statement to the Press, declared that the police were obliged to charge the crowd at Algodonales (Cadiz), who wished to set free an arrested man. One woman was killed and several demonstrators injured.

General Berenguer protested against news published abroad that a revolutionary movement had broken out at Valencia and other towns. He declared that there was no foundation for these reports.

ITALY'S CLAIM TO PARITY.

BAR TO AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE.

INSISTENCE BY MUSSOLINI.

PARIS, Saturday.

French impressions of the chances of success for the efforts of Mr. Hugh Gibson, United States Ambassador in Brussels, to induce France and Italy to reach a naval agreement are less optimistic than those which seem to prevail in Washington.

It is gathered here that Signor Mussolini still insists on parity with France, refusing to make allowances for France's special needs which result from the extent of her Colonial Empire. Nevertheless, it is admitted that the door is still open and it is asserted that France is genuinely anxious to come to terms.

The "Temps" recognises the interest attaching to the efforts of a diplomat of the eminence of Mr. Gibson, but reserves judgment on possible results. The answer to the question whether further Franco-Italian conversations at the present juncture are likely to be productive, rests, says the "Temps," with Rome.

"France," the "Journal" remarks, "has constantly given too many proofs of her good will, for there to be any doubt of the sincerity of her desire to reach an acceptable agreement, which will safeguard her legitimate interests."—Reuter.

GERMANY'S FIRST CONSTITUTION.

HISTORIC DOCUMENT STOLEN.

BERLIN, Saturday.

A number of books and photographs have disappeared from the Reichstag library, the most serious loss being the original Constitution of the State, a document of 1848.

This is a book bound in red velvet, with a metal eagle on the cover, and containing in twenty-seven pages the text of the Constitution drawn up in 1848 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Frankfurt. The signatures of all the Deputies taking part in the National Assembly are appended. The book has considerable historical value.—Reuter.

THE INVALIDS.

DR. DRUMMOND SHIELS ENTERS HOSPITAL.

Dr. Drummond Shiels, M.P., Under-Secretary for the Colonies, who is suffering from an illness contracted during a visit to Egypt, entered the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Gordon Street, London, last night for treatment. He was stated to be comfortable.

Last night's reports on other invalids were:—

The Dean of Chester (Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett).—Operation for appendicitis. Condition satisfactory.

Viscountess Bridport (convalescing after two operations).—A fair day.

Lady Runciman.—A fairly good day.

Sir John Milbanke (the "boxing baronet") (who is ill following an injury received in a taxicab accident in Paris).—Much better.

The Hon. Diana Skeffington (daughter of Viscount Massereene).—A bad night.

Sir John Lavery (operation).—A fairly good night.

Mr. Hugh Morrison, M.P. (operation).—About the same; a good night.

Sir Maurice Anderson (Hon. Physician to the Princess Royal) (operation).—A fairly good night; strength maintained.

LORD ROTHERMERE.

PARIS, Saturday.

On hearing that a report was current this evening that he was ill, Lord Rothermere, who is on a visit to France, stated that there was absolutely no foundation for it.—Reuter.

MR. MAXTON, PROTECTIONIST.

Mr. James Maxton, in a speech at March (Cambridgeshire) last night, said the recent by-election was fought on the question of foreign trade, but it was the home markets that mattered.

He agreed with the Protectionists, and did not believe that other countries should send into this country what goods they liked.

ST. PAUL'S STEPS REUNION.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' OLD PAST RECALLED.

FOUR SURVIVORS.

On the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday four men, true to a pact made twenty-five years ago, greeted each other, sang "Auld Lang Syne," and went off to a restaurant in Newgate Street to chat over old times.

The Rev. J. P. Goodenough, one of the four friends, recalled last night the circumstances leading to their reunion. "Here we are again," he said, "the survivors of the pact made in 1905 by eight young executive officers at Dr. Barnardo's Homes. We then agreed to meet twenty years hence at St. Paul's. During that period of twenty years four of the party died—two while serving in the Great War—but the pact was duly honoured in 1925 by the rest of us, and we have since decided to meet together on the first Saturday in November of each year.

WHEN ONE REMAINS.

"If and when only one of us is left, he will still visit the steps of St. Paul's in memory of his colleagues who have gone before. None of us has yet failed to keep our solemn pact.

"We are all great churchworkers, teetotallers, and are now more or less prosperous and happy."

The four survivors are Messrs. H. J. Artiss, of Slough, a native of Bristol; John S. Duerdon, of Leigh-on-Sea, a native of Lancashire; Wilfred E. Horn, of Brockley, a native of Cumberland; and Mr. Goodenough, who now lives at Clapham, is a native of Cambridge, and was formerly pastor at Keppel Street Church, Kentish Town, and Charteris Church, Cambridge.

BROKEN WEAPON OF BLACKMAIL.

POLICE THANK PRESS.

Asking that the name of the prosecutor should be suppressed, Detective Inspector Keech, in a blackmailing charge at Marylebone Police Court yesterday, thanked the newspapers for their co-operation in this matter. Concealing the names of the victims in these cases, he said, destroyed the fear of publicity which was the blackmailer's chief weapon.

The case was one in which Basil Tattersall, aged 18, no occupation, of Hereford Road, Bayswater, was charged with uttering letters demanding with menaces a ticket to Bath from an elderly man. He was remanded in custody, the police objecting to bail.

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN ITEMS.

Father Godfrey was yesterday installed as the new Rector of the English College in Rome.

Twenty-three natives, including women and children, were swept into the river by a landslide at Soekboemi, Batavia, and were drowned.

Masked robbers made a daring raid on a Berlin bank yesterday. The staff was threatened with revolvers, and the robbers made away on bicycles with £700.

Dr. Otto Jeidels, of the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, has accepted an invitation to take part in the coming conference in India of banking experts, who will discuss India's special problems.

The Poznan authorities have closed down the printing offices of the German daily paper "Posner Tageblatt" in Warsaw, and have expelled an assistant editor from Poland as an undesirable alien.

The Portuguese airmen, Captain Moreira Cardosa and Lieut. Sarmento Pimentel, took-off from Lisbon at 7.30 a.m. yesterday for Oran, on the first lap of their flight to Novagoa (Portuguese India).

When the cruiser Köln, which left Wilhelmshaven last week for the Cape Verde Islands, is returning home, she will pass close to the coast of Flanders. Off Zeebrugge her commander, Captain Von Schroeder, son of Admiral Von Schroeder, who commanded the Tirpitz battery during the war, will hold a memorial service for the German Marines who fell in Flanders.

NEW AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL.

The new German Ambassador, Baron von Neurath, will travel to London via the Flushing-Harwich route to-morrow. He will arrive at Liverpool Street at 9.15 p.m.

TATTOOED MAN MYSTERY.

PROBLEM FOR POLICE AND DOCTORS.

LANGUAGE PUZZLE

Despite the efforts of the police and members of the hospital staff, the mystery of the identity of a much-tattooed man in the Royal Hospital at Richmond remains unsolved.

The man was found, apparently ill, at Kew Green a week ago. Soon after admission to hospital he became unconscious before he had been able to reveal his identity. The doctors are puzzled by his illness, which takes the form of severe fits.

During moments of consciousness the man mutters in a foreign tongue, and it is thought that he may be an ex-Service man who has been in India. A hospital official said last night that, although many languages had been employed in an effort to get into conversation with the sick man, the only person who had been at all successful was a porter who spoke a dialect which he learned when in the East. The man seemed to understand him, but the porter could not understand his replies.

FOUR TATTOOED NAMES.

"The man," the official continued, "is much tattooed. On his right arm is the name 'George.' If we give him a pencil and paper, he can write this name, but he does not appear to be able to say it.

"Besides the name 'George,' the man has on the same arm a tattooed palm tree, a bunch of flowers, and a picture of a woman with the name 'Lizzie' beneath it. On the left arm are a snake and sword, the word 'India,' and the figure of a woman with the word 'Queenie' underneath."

The man is about thirty years old. He is 5 ft. 9 ins. high, of medium build, with brown hair and blue eyes, and was wearing when found a blue serge suit, with a blue shirt, soft collar, grey tie, blue socks, and black shoes.

It is thought that the man may be the one who was found wandering at Victoria some days ago, and who was sent to an institution, which he left last Saturday. Yesterday his condition was somewhat improved, and the fits, from which he has been suffering, were less severe.

THE LONDON "EVENING NEWS."

A TEMPORARY STRIKE.

The Press Association received the following communication last night:—

"The management of the 'Evening News' regret that, owing to their refusal to withdraw or suspend a notice of change of occupation given to a motor-roundsman in their employ, the packers, drivers, and depotmen engaged in the publishing department of the paper refused to-day to proceed with their duties against the instructions of their union officials.

"In consequence none of the earlier editions of the 'Evening News' could be circulated. In the afternoon, however, the men concerned decided to resume work, and the later editions of the paper were on sale throughout the London area as usual."

TAMMANY ON TRIAL.

ALLEGED SCANDAL AS ELECTION ISSUE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

George Ewald, a former city magistrate of New York, and his wife, Bertha Ewald, announced to-day that they decline to appear at police headquarters on Monday to have their finger-prints and photographs taken unless they are directed to do so by a special order of the Supreme Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewald, together with Martin J. Healy, a former First Deputy Commissioner of Plant and Structures and a Tammany district leader, and Thomas T. Tommaney, one of Healy's henchmen, have been indicted by a Grand Jury on a charge of bartering Mr. Ewald's appointment to the bench in 1927. The Grand Jury secured evidence of misconduct on the part of public officials, but the prosecutor's report relating to the disclosures will not be made until after the elections next Tuesday.

Alleged corruption on the part of Tammany leaders and judicial officers of New York State is one of the issues on which voters are invited to cast their ballots. There is every prospect that Tammany Hall will be as successful as usual.

FIRE PERIL IN OKLAHOMA.

GIANT OIL GUSHER "RUNS WILD."

NO FOOD COOKED FOR THREE DAYS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

A "wild" gas and oil well, spurting daily 100,000 barrels of oil and 65,000,000 cubic feet of inflammable natural gas, has spread gloom and peril over Oklahoma City, forced hundreds of families to abandon their homes, and threatens a large part of the city with destruction.

For two days, within an area of three square miles, no match or fire has been lighted and no meals have been cooked for fear the gas-laden air will start in the oil-soaked buildings a conflagration that will wipe out the city.

The affected section of the city is under martial law. The streets are running rivers of black crude oil and a heavy white pall of smoke floats overhead.

The "wild" oil well is shooting a great geyser skyward under a pressure of 3,000 lb. per square foot, giving forth a scream that is literally deafening.

Every effort is being made to cap the well with a great cone weighing 3,000 lb., but even smaller wells have taken twelve or more days to control.

OUTBREAK OF FIRE REPORTED.

According to a British United Press message from Oklahoma City, fire has broken out in a pool of oil two blocks of houses distant from the five Morgan wells which were opened to maximum flow. Hundreds of men were rushed to the scene and worked desperately to quench the outbreak. The neighbouring Canadian River separates the oil pool fire from the well.

Later an oily scum, which settled on the Canadian River, caught fire. The head of the city's Fire Department then predicted that the well was doomed.

WELSH GOLD INQUIRY

PROFESSOR'S REPORT TO GOVERNMENT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEWCASTLE, Saturday.

Professor Louis, of Newcastle, who has returned from his visit to Wales, made, on behalf of the Government, to report on the metal mining situation in the Principality, with special regard to the possibilities of gold mining, told me to-night that he had made a report to the Government on his findings.

He said he was unable to reveal at this stage what they were, but mentioned that his investigations had been confined to Merionethshire.

Prof. Louis described the whole metal mining industry of the country as being at a low ebb. "Copper and spelter are dear," he said, "while, with lead at its present price—£15 10s. a ton—it is impossible to work it at a profit. The lead-mining industry seems to be sinking, and tin is being mined only in small quantities, but it has been found and worked extensively at a profit in Wales."

Asked as to the possibilities of gold mining in the North of England, the professor said: "If there had been any gold in the North it would have been found by now."

SHOTS AT TURF FAVOURITE.

MOTORISTS' ATTACK ON RACEHORSE.

OUTRAGE ON EVE OF BIG RACE.

GALLANT RIDER.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

A sensational attempt was made early this morning to kill a racehorse named Pharlap, even-money favourite for the Melbourne Cup, several shots being fired at the animal from a motor-car. Fortunately all of them missed.

The horse had completed a gallop on the track at Caulfield about 5 a.m. and was being led in by Tom Woodlock, an ex-jockey, on another horse, when the affair occurred. Woodlock, in an interview, gave the following account of what happened:—

"I was 300 yards from the racecourse when I was passed by a motor-car containing two men whose faces were partly covered with handkerchiefs.

"The man in the back seat pointed a double-barrelled gun out of the back window, whereupon I dug my heels into my pony and trotted Pharlap round a corner. The car followed and charged my pony, sounding the horn all the time, with the result that Pharlap became frightened and reared.

"The gun again appeared through the window, but I jammed Pharlap against a fence and got my pony between the car and the racehorse."

ESCAPE OF THE ASSAILANTS.

The noise of the shooting brought out the stable boys and racing attendants, and the motorists drove off.

Pharlap had an engagement to fulfil in the Melbourne Stakes at the Flemington races to-day. He was taken to Flemington under armed police escort in a special steel motor-van. When he entered the course for the race he was escorted by two armed police on motor-cycles, and the clerk of the course rode beside him to the starting-post.

The horse won in a canter from Tregilla, and was loudly cheered. It was his seventh successive victory.

Armed police will continue to guard the horse until after the Melbourne Cup race on Tuesday, and police protection has also been provided for his jockey, Pike.—Exchange.

A WONDER HORSE.

Reuter's Melbourne correspondent says the attempt to kill Pharlap, an incident without precedent in the annals of the Australian Turf, has caused a profound sensation throughout the Commonwealth.

The attempt, the correspondent adds, was obviously inspired by the fact that hundreds of pounds have been wagered on the horse for the Melbourne Cup, and that it is certain that he will start at very short odds.

The car from which the shots were fired was a new one, and the figures on the number plate, which were crudely written, were obviously false. The owner of Pharlap is Mr. Davis, but he has leased the horse to Mr. Telford, who has offered £100 reward for the conviction of the culprits. The police are very hopeful of making an early arrest.

Pharlap is one of Australia's wonder racehorses. As a three-year-old he won the Australian Jockey Club Derby and the Victoria Derby, and was third in the Melbourne Cup. This year he has won the King's Plate, the Victoria Racing Club's St. Leger, and the Australian Jockey Club St. Leger.

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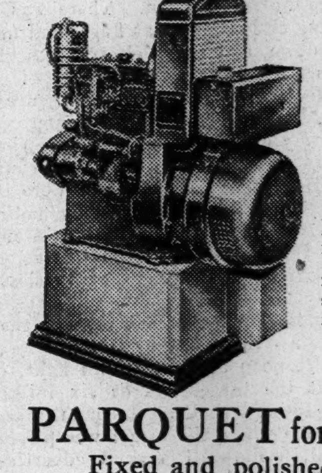

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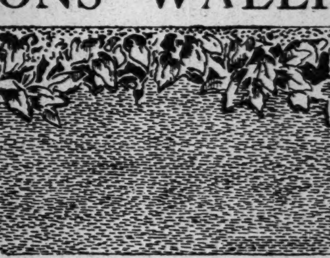

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Saturday.

The Earl of Cromer (Lord Chamberlain) was received in audience by The King this morning, and presented an Address from the House of Lords, to which His Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Queen, attended by the Lady Victoria Forester and the Hon. Gerald Chichester, visited the Loan Exhibition of Miniature Period Models, in aid of the Central and London Clubs of the Young Women's Christian Association, at Dudley House this afternoon.

Lieut.-Colonel Reginald Seymour and Major the Hon. Alexander Hardinge have succeeded Colonel Sir Clive Wigram and Lieut.-Colonel the Lord Alastair Innes-Ker as Equerries-in-Waiting to The King.

The Dowager Countess of Minto has succeeded the Lady Desborough as Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen.

The Queen of Spain and Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught will attend a special matinée of "Eldorado" at Daly's Theatre on Thursday. The performance is in aid of the Middlesex Hospital, of which Prince Arthur is chairman. Last night the Queen of Spain witnessed "Cynara" at the Playhouse

The Duke and Duchess of York saw the performance at the London Pavilion last night.

Princess Marie Louise will preside at the first meeting of patrons and supporters of the Silver Rose Ball on Wednesday, November 12, at 11.30 a.m., at Someries House, Regent's Park (by permission of Lady Zia Wernher).

Princess Helena Victoria will receive purses on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. at the Queen's Hotel, Hastings, to-morrow, at three o'clock.

The Latvian Minister and Madame Vesmans are leaving London for Latvia, and will be away until December.

Mme. de Marees van Swinderen, wife of the Netherlands Minister, and Mlle. van Swinderen, left London yesterday in the Aquitania for the United States.

The Marchioness of Londonderry will hold an Exhibition and Sale of Work at Londonderry House, Park Lane, in aid of the War Service Guild of Sailor and Soldier Broderers, from twelve to six o'clock to-morrow and Tuesday.

The Earl of Abingdon is 43 to-day, the Earl of Feversham 24, and Lord Rodney 39.

The Earl of Lytton has left London for Palestine. He will be away three weeks. Letters cannot be forwarded.

The Earl and Countess of Denbigh left 23, South Audley Street yesterday, for Clifton, Deddington, Oxford.

The Countess of Leicester left 47, Park Street yesterday, for Holkham, where she will remain for ten days.

Viscountess Astor will open the London Police Court Mission sale of work, organised by the Ladies' Needlework Guild, on Wednesday at noon at Kensington Town Hall.

Viscount and Viscountess Cranborne will leave 25, Charles Street, Berkeley Square, this week for the Manor House, Cranborne, Dorset.

Lord and Lady Willoughby de Broke will arrive in London to-morrow from Woodley House, Kineton, Warwick.

Lady Gilmour will return to London at the end of this week from Scotland.

Sir Charles and Lady Cayzer return to-morrow to 68, Eaton Place from Scotland.

Lord Ebury, who underwent a further operation on Thursday, has had to cancel all engagements indefinitely.

Sir Percy Loraine, British High Commissioner in Egypt, accompanied by Lady Loraine, will arrive at Alexandria by the s.s. Esperia from Genoa to-morrow.

The engagement is announced between John A. Mackintosh, son of Mrs. Charles Mackintosh and the late Charles G. R. Mackintosh, and Elizabeth Katrine, only daughter of Sir Glynn and Lady West.

Mrs. Francis Rennell Rodd, wife of Mr. F. J. Rennell Rodd, a son of Sir James Rennell Rodd, M.P., has given birth to a daughter at their home in Park Square, Regent's Park.

Mrs. Jagger, wife of Mr. Charles S. Jagger, the sculptor, has given birth to a daughter.

Miss Lucy Begg, after nearly twenty-two years' loyal and devoted service as matron of the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, is retiring at the end of the year. She will be succeeded by Miss Rose Potter, who is at present the assistant matron at Chester Royal Infirmary, which was founded in 1755.

WEDDING.

MR. TREVOR M. ROBERTS AND MISS ELIZABETH O. WILLOUGHBY.

Colonel Digby Willoughby gave away his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Octavia Willoughby, at her marriage yesterday at St. George's Church, Hanover Square, to Mr. Trevor Meredith Roberts, barrister-at-law, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Meredydd Roberts, of Harts Leap, Sandhurst, Berkshire. The Archdeacon of Middlesex officiated, and Mr. Jack Robertson was best man.

Miss Willoughby wore a gown of parchment-tinted satin, the full skirt flowing from a long-sleeved bodice cut to mould her figure. The skirt formed a short train at the back, and over this fell another train of fine silver lace which was draped from her shoulders. Clusters of orange blossoms over her ears secured a long tulle veil.

The only attendant was little Miss Brenda Mary Crane, who carried the train. With a close-fitting cap of rose pink satin trimmed with bands of pearl embroidery, she wore a mediæval frock of rose pink satin.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Tudor Court Hotel.

OBITUARY.

ALDERMAN J. E. PURVIS.

Alderman John Edward Purvis, M.A., who was Mayor of Cambridge last year, died at Cambridge yesterday after a short illness.

He had been University Lecturer in Chemistry since 1909, and as a member of Cambridge Town Council, representing the University, was the first University Mayor since 1905-6, when Mr. (afterwards Sir) Walter Durnford, Provost of King's, was Mayor.

Mr. Purvis was an authority on public health, particularly with regard to sanitation.

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THE LATE BISHOP OF WORCESTER.

BURIAL SERVICE IN CATHEDRAL.

MOVING TRIBUTE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WORCESTER, Saturday.

The funeral took place in Worcester Cathedral to-day, in the presence of a large and representative assembly, of Dr. E. H. Pearce, Bishop of Worcester, who died suddenly while on his way to the opening of Parliament on Tuesday.

The casket containing the ashes was brought to Worcester from Golders Green last night and was taken to the Cathedral, where it remained in the choir before the Bishop's throne. It was covered with the Bishop's scarlet robe, and beside it were his mace and staff.

To-day the casket was carried in procession to the north aisle, and there interred at the foot of the monument of Bishop Hurd, prelate of the last century, whom Bishop Pearce admired, and whose life he was writing.

The service was conducted by the Dean of Worcester, Dr. W. Moore Ede.

The family mourners were: Miss Pearce (sister), the Bishop of Derby (brother), Mrs. E. C. Pearce (sister-in-law), the Rev. E. J. Pearce (nephew), Miss Edmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Wimperis, the Rev. T. A. Edmonds, Mrs. Edmonds, Mr. Douglas Dickson (Edinburgh), Miss Anning, Miss Cronshaw, Canon Paterson (Hartlebury) and Mrs. Paterson, and Dr. Robinson and Miss Robinson, with the household staff.

FAVOURITE MUSIC.

Music, of which the Bishop was specially fond, and in which he had taken part at the Three Choirs Festival, formed part of the service. Sir Ivor Atkins, the organist, chose Byrd's setting of "The Souls of the Righteous" as the anthem, and the hymns were favourites of the Bishop.

The large congregation included representatives of every walk of life, from the Lord Chancellor, Lord Sankey, to boys from a Worcester Orphanage in which the Bishop was interested. Three hundred clergy from all parts of the diocese were present in their robes; Worcester Corporation attended in state, and with them were members of the County Council and the Mayors of Stourbridge, Bewdley, and Droitwich.

There were also present the Bishops of Birmingham and Bristol, the lord-lieutenant of the county, Lord Cobham, Lord Hampton, Lord Sandys, Lord and Lady Coventry, Sir Montague Barlow, Field-Marshal Sir Claude Jacob, representing the Worcester regiment, the Rev. M. W. Shewell, Royal Army Chaplain's Department, and Captain Harry Crookshank, M.P.

The Prime Minister sent a message of regret that he could not attend.

A THEATRE RECORD.

"MRS. FRASER" OUTDOES "BUNTY."

The record for long runs in the Haymarket Theatre, London, which has a tradition extending over 200 years, is now held by Mr. St. John Ervine's comedy, "The First Mrs. Fraser," which by last night had occupied the theatre for seventy weeks. Until last Wednesday the record was held by "Bunty Pulls the Strings," which ran for sixty-nine weeks and three days.

Mr. Horace Watson, the licensee and manager of the Haymarket, told the SUNDAY TIMES last night that while they were naturally proud of the achievement, "I'm afraid were not so excited as we possibly might be, because a short run here is happily a rarity."

A NOTABLE BIRTHDAY.

THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH'S" 75TH ANNIVERSARY.

This year the "Daily Telegraph" is celebrating its 75th birthday. In commemoration of the event, which coincides with the completion of the handsome new offices in Fleet Street, in which a new plant of powerful printing presses has been installed, it has prepared a Special Supplement.

This will be issued gratis with every copy of the paper next Wednesday.

In the Supplement the development of the Press during the past three-quarters of a century is dealt with, and the public are given an insight into the methods by which a great modern newspaper is produced. Among the writers contributing are Viscount Burnham, Lord Riddell, Sir Robert Donald, and Colonel John Buchan, M.P.

The old clock of the "Daily Telegraph," which for so many years was a feature of Fleet Street, is being replaced by a new one. This was placed into position last night. The old one was removed for the reconstruction of the building eighteen months ago.

Seven to eight feet in height, and proportionately wide, the new timepiece has a much gayer appearance than the old, for the case, fluted to correspond with the stonework of the façade, is painted gold and red, white, and blue, whereas the former clock was a staid black and white structure.

INFANTA BEATRIX.

The Infanta Beatrix, the elder daughter of the Queen of Spain, left London for Madrid yesterday. The Infanta is returning in order to be present when Prince and Princess Takamatsu of Japan arrive in the Spanish capital shortly.

The Queen of Spain and her other daughter are to remain in London.

WHO WILL SELL POPPIES?

An appeal is made for volunteers to act as sellers on Poppy Day. Ladies who will devote a few hours on November 11 in the City or West End of London, to selling poppies, are asked to send particulars to the Organising Secretary, Captain W. G. Willcox, 18, South Street, Park Lane, W.1.

The Organising Secretary is anxious to have the names of volunteers recorded as soon as possible, in order that the Official Collectors' Badges may be issued. These badges form a safeguard that none but genuine Haig Poppies may be offered to the public.

PICTURES FOR PARLIAMENT.

Four pictures reconstructed on the basis of old data have been hung in the centre curtain corridor leading to the Harcourt Room at the House of Commons. One is "The Story of Antiochus," two illustrate "The Miracles of Elisha," and the fourth is "The Meeting of Two Kings: or the Visit of Abner to David with his Twenty Men."

The original Thirteenth Century works in the Painted Chamber in the old Palace of Westminster were destroyed in the fire of 1834. Professor E. W. Tristram has carried out the reconstructions and the pictures are a gift to Parliament by the late Sir Francis W. Lowe.

TREES AS MEMORIAL.

Children took a prominent part in the Arbor Day ceremony, at Harrietsham, near Maidstone, yesterday, when trees of remembrance were planted and dedicated on the Harrietsham by-pass in tribute to the Hon. Sir John Alexander Cockburn, the Australian statesman, who spent the latter years of his life at Harrietsham.

Lord Edward Gleichen presided at the ceremony, and the Rev. Basil Bourchier, assisted by the children of the village, planted the first tree to the accompaniment of a hymn.

WAS ELIZABETH A TUDOR?

MR. STRACHEY AND DR. INGE'S THEORY.

RESEMBLANCE TO HENRY VIII.

Was Henry VIII. the father of Queen Elizabeth, or may the Queen have been illegitimate, with, consequently, no right to the Crown?

Dean Inge has aroused controversy by his article on this subject in the "Eugenics Review," and yesterday Mr. G. Lytton Strachey, the historian, told an interviewer that he was very sceptical indeed about the Dean's conclusions.

Dean Inge says: "A careful study of the portraits of Henry VIII.'s putative children has convinced me that, while Queen Mary and King Edward VI. reproduce some of their father's features, Elizabeth's face belongs to an entirely different type. I do not believe that she had a drop of Tudor blood in her veins. If this is true, the flighty Anne Boleyn, and some person unknown, gave us our greatest sovereign."

"Dean Inge's reasons seem to me very thin indeed," said Mr. Strachey. "As far as I can gather it is simply a question of facial resemblance. That does not appear to me to be very strong ground for such a conclusion. After all, Henry VIII. is extremely unlike Henry VII. to look at. Obviously this would also apply to hundreds of other cases.

"When I wrote 'Elizabeth and Essex' I took it for granted that Elizabeth was the daughter of Henry VIII., and there did not appear to me to be any adequate reasons for thinking otherwise. Also, I should have thought that the question of facial difference was balanced by the resemblance in character of the two.

"If the Dean's theory is correct I think the only moral to be drawn is that all descent should be through the female. If we had matriarchy then we should be far more certain on questions of legitimacy.

THEORY "NOT INCREDIBLE."

A somewhat more sympathetic view of Dean Inge's theory is taken by Mr. Arthur Donald Innes, author of a number of books on the Tudor period.

"There is nothing that strikes me as incredible," he said, "about Dean Inge's suggestion. The whole story of Anne Boleyn leaves it quite possible that she was the mother of an illegitimate child. She was a lady of extremely doubtful reputation..

"Elizabeth was born six months after Henry's marriage to her mother, and it is not inconceivable that he was not the father. So far as I know there is no evidence that Anne Boleyn went astray at that time. Neither is there anything to point to any particular person who might have been Elizabeth's father if he were not the King.

"Tudor facial characteristics in the portraits of Elizabeth would have proved that she was a Tudor, but their absence proves nothing."

THE MODERN HOTEL

The announcements appearing each week on Page One of the SUNDAY TIMES constitute a unique list of Modern English Hotels and most enterprising Restaurants.

Motorists find the list dependable when they are wanting a comfortable place at which to stay for a few days, and they will find the quality of the accommodation and service in accordance with the best standards of English Hotels.

HOUSES AND LAND.

MODERN RESIDENCE IN WESTMINSTER.

A modern house in a quiet position close to Smith Square, Westminster, should appeal to those who desire to be within easy reach of the Houses of Parliament or Whitehall. Such a house, with central heating and all modern conveniences is on offer by Hampton and Sons.

A detached residence, with sylvan views safeguarded for ever, overlooking Hampstead Heath extension, and within a few minutes' walk of Golders Green Station, is also on the books of Hampton and Sons. There is a garage for two cars, and also a smaller residence adjoining. The two properties could be used in conjunction as one residence, or, if desired, separately.

At Chiltern Court, Baker Street, W., now a favourite district for residential flats, there are some reasonably priced suites, ranging from a ten-roomed mansion flat to a three-room bachelor flat, available. There is also a well-appointed restaurant, and many other attractive features. Can be inspected at any time.

People in search of town suburban, and country houses should study our advertising columns. Furnished houses and flats are also offered in convenient localities.

READING BY MR. GALSWORTHY.

Mr. Galsworthy, whose home is at Hampstead, will give a reading from his works at Frognal Grove (by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joseph) to-morrow evening in aid of the Hampstead and London Councils of Social Welfare. He will autograph copies of his books for guests.

COASTGUARD SYSTEM INQUIRY.

It is stated at the Board of Trade that the findings of the Court of Inquiry into the loss of the yacht Islander off the Cornish coast near Fowey are receiving consideration. There has been no time yet to take any decision regarding the possible appointment of a more comprehensive inquiry into the whole coastguard system arising out of the recommendations of the Fowey inquiry.

"VICTORY THE SIXTH."

With Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley as president a R.N.V.R. Commemoration Committee has been formed to carry out a scheme for erecting a trophy to commemorate the part the Crystal Palace played in the War as the training depot of the R.N.V.R. More than 125,000 officers, petty officers, and men were trained there for various branches of the Naval Service.

The commemorative trophy is to take the form of a ship's bell, a replica of the one which was used at the Palace during the naval occupation. It will be erected on the terrace, which was the quarter-deck of Victory the Sixth, as the Palace came to be termed.

ALL HALLOWS' DAY.

Over 500 people, mostly men, attended Communion at All Hallows' Church, Barking, yesterday—All Hallows' Day and the church's birthday.

"Berkyngchirche," as it used to be called, is one of the oldest churches in the city and one of the few which escaped the Great Fire. It was founded in 675.

Although the church is named "All Hallows, Barking," Barking is seven miles away. It is so called because it was founded by the nuns of Barking Abbey, a figure of whose first abbess, St. Ethelburga, is in the porch.

WILL OF DR. SPOONER

FAMOUS DON'S £17,419 ESTATE.

WOMAN LEAVES GRAVES TO TWO SERVANTS.

Popularly known—though the story was often denied—as the originator of the *lapsus linguæ* known as "Spoonerisms," the Rev. Canon William Archibald Spooner, D.D., left unsettled property in his own disposition valued at £17,419, with net personalty £15,035.

Dr. Spooner was for 21 years Warden of New College, Oxford, and was for many years chaplain to Archbishop Tait. He was the author of several historical works. The bulk of his estate is left to his wife for life, with remainder to his children.

THE BACCARAT CASE.

Sir William Gordon-Cumming, Bart., of Altyre and Gordonstown, Forres, one of the central figures in the famous baccarat scandal in 1890, in connection with which King Edward, then Prince of Wales, was called to give evidence, left unsettled personal estate in Great Britain valued at £15,830.

GRAVES FOR SERVANTS.

A curious bequest is contained in the will of the Hon. Sydney Hilda Hutton Thesiger, of Hobart Place, London, S.W., who left unsettled estate of £7,019, with net personalty £567. She bequeathed:—

£3 a week to her maid Isabel Potter and £2 a week to her servant William Brewer, and to each of them a grave in Aldborough Cemetery, the executors to pay the expenses of their funerals.

She also left £1 a week to her husband for the care and maintenance of her dogs, and bequeathed also to him her residence and the residue of the estate subject to some other personal legacies. Under the provisions of the will of her father she also left to her husband the income from one-half of £30,000.

OTHER WILLS.

	GROSS VALUE.
HARRISON HOLT, of Ravenswyke, Kirbymoorside, Yorks (net personalty £101,750)	£123,304
THOMAS HORSFIELD, of Llangwstonin Hall, Colwyn Bay (net personalty £58,717)	£66,246
Mrs. HELEN MURRAY or MACGREGOR, of Eton Terrace, Edinburgh, widow of the Very Rev. Dr. James MacGregor (unsettled personal estate)	£55,116
CHARLTON ERNEST FERGUS HALL, of Mayfield Road, Wallasey (net personalty £46,191)	£47,431
WILLIAM STEWART, of Mayfield Gardens, Edinburgh, the oldest member of the High Constables of the Palace of Holyrood House (personal estate)	£32,446
Dame MARY CATHERINE BROWN or JACOB, of Grange Road, Edinburgh, widow of Col. Sir Swinton Jacob (unsettled personal estate)	£21,797
Dame RUTH MARGARET WAKEMAN, of Atcham House, Shrewsbury, widow of Captain Gerard Lysley Derriman, Grenadier Guards (later Chief Constable of Shropshire), and afterwards of Sir Offley Wakeman 3rd Bart., of Yeaton Peverey, Shrewsbury (unsettled estate) (net personalty £1,585	£1,796
Mrs. SARI CHARLOTTE GABRIELLE CROCKER, of Hanover Court, Hanover Square, W., and late of Exford, Somerset, actress, a Hungarian by birth, who appeared in London in musical comedies, killed in the motor accident at Antwerp (net personalty £428)	£650

THE QUEEN AT MODEL EXHIBITION.

HER OWN TREASURES.

The Queen yesterday visited the loan exhibition of period models at Dudley House, Park Lane, W. Only about half a dozen people were near the house when the Queen arrived, and she walked in almost unnoticed. A few moments afterwards Princess Mary drove up, and joined Her Majesty in the inspection of the exhibits.

Over 400 of the tiny models and art miniatures on view have been lent by the Queen from her own collection at Buckingham Palace.

The Queen was very interested in the model houses, and also spent a considerable time studying the exhibit of miniature ships illustrating the evolution of the British Navy and mercantile marine. The Queen's contribution to the exhibition, which is in aid of the Central Club and the London clubs of the Y.W.C.A., includes a harp made of tortoiseshell, mother-of-pearl, and ivory, and a glass cabinet containing 63 articles, such as ivory boxes, old-fashioned rings, fans, and pistols.

FARNHAM CASTLE.

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE AND RETREAT HOUSE.

Mrs. Rupert Anderson, of Waverley Abbey, Farnham, challenged the Guildford Diocesan Conference at its last meeting to give her a chance to raise sufficient money for preserving Farnham Castle partly as the bishop's residence and partly as a retreat house. This was only three or four months ago, and £18,000 were needed for the purpose. In an astonishing manner the money has flowed in in answer to Mrs. Anderson's appeal, and when the Diocesan Conference meets next week it seems probable that the whole sum will be secured.

Since the present Bishop of Winchester left Farnham and went to reside at Winchester, owing to the division of the diocese, Farnham Castle has remained empty. The diocesan authorities have discovered that even without tenants the castle is a costly building to maintain. Until Mrs. Anderson offered her challenge the finance committee reported that it seemed impracticable for the Bishop of Guildford to make his residence there, and suggestions were made that the castle should be requisitioned for more or less general ecclesiastical uses associated with the Church of England.

Now the whole position is changed, and if the Diocesan Conference agrees—as appears likely—a portion of Farnham Castle will be utilised as a bishop's house. At present the Bishop of Guildford is living at Cobham, which is situated in the north-western portion of the diocese.

ROYMAR CLUB.

The Royal Marine Boy and Girl Cadet Corps, in common with other cadet units throughout the country, has ceased to exist. The members will be formed into another organisation known as the Roymar Club.

ALPORT HILL FOR NATION.

Alport Hill, near Matlock, which is 1,043 ft. above sea level, and covers ten acres, was yesterday formally handed over to the National Trust. The donor, who remains anonymous, has described his gift as one from "an old admirer of Derbyshire scenery."

FISHERMEN'S PERIL.

Four Folkestone fishermen in a small 15 h.p. boat discovered a leak near the rudder, and out of reach for repairs, early yesterday morning. The skipper, Mr. Jim Hall, made for Hythe, two miles away, while the crew baled as fast as they could. By the time the boat was beached the water was up to the men's armpits, and the boat was on the brink of foundering.

NEW SHAFTESBURY HOME.

Princess Helena Victoria yesterday opened a new Shaftesbury home at Esher Place, Esher, until recently the residence of Lord d'Abernon. The home, which was blessed by the Bishop of Guildford, accommodates 170 girls who have been transferred from homes at Sudbury and Ealing which have been closed. Esher Place dates from 1749, and the grounds cover nearly eleven acres.

Princess Helena Victoria said: "I am sure that you will go out into life better, happier, and healthier for having been in such beautiful surroundings."

UNSETTLED BUT MILD.

NEW DEPRESSION FROM ATLANTIC.

LOCAL FOG IN THE SOUTH.

ENGLAND.—Light, variable winds, becoming fresh, southerly to south-westerly, strong at times; cloudy, some rain; mild; local fog early.

SCOTLAND. — Winds becoming fresh to strong, south-easterly, cloudy, some rain; mild; local fog early.

IRELAND. — Fresh to strong southerly or south-westerly winds, veering temporarily; rain at first, bright intervals, occasional showers later; mild; local fog early.

ENGLISH CHANNEL. — Light, variable fresh to strong south-westerly winds; cloudy, some rain; fog early; sea moderate to rather rough.

AIR PASSAGES.—Light variable winds at first, becoming south-westerly and increasing to 10 to 20 m.p.h. at the surface and 20 to 30 m.p.h. at 2,000 ft. Fog in many places at first, rain and much low cloud spreading from the west later. Visibility less than 500 yards in many places at first, improving slowly to two to five miles, but less than 500 yards at times over high ground later.

By OUR METEOROLOGICAL EXPERT.

After an October that had proved unusually bright, dry and warm over the south-eastern half of England, November lost no time in giving the country a sample of its most dismal mood. The first member of a chain of storm centres extending over the whole of the North-East Atlantic invaded Britain yesterday bringing dull wet weather to nearly all districts.

The worst fog of the season added to the general unpleasantness of the morning at a large number of places in the central and eastern counties of England. Locally round London it was impossible to see more than 50 yards ahead until 10 a.m. Although this pall lifted later on, the sky remained overcast, and in most of the suburbs a day passed without a gleam of sunshine for the first time since October 1.

DRY OCTOBER.

Temperature was still high for the season over England. The 1 p.m. reading of 53 deg. at Kew was 3 deg. above normal, while on the South Coast 54 deg. to 55 deg. was registered. Weather in Scotland was much colder. Near St. Andrews 12 deg. of ground frost occurred towards sunrise, and at Nairn the sheltered thermometer fell 5 deg. below freezing point. Glasgow reported only 40 deg. at 1 p.m.

The Kew records for last month show that it was the driest and brightest October for eight years. Rainfall amounted to only two fifths of the average, and the sun shone for 23 hours longer than usual. Temperature was also abnormally high, exceeding its ordinary level by 2½ deg. The western half of Britain was much less fortunate, many districts there having not only a large surplus of rain but a pronounced shortage of sunshine.

NORTH AMERICAN RODENTS.

ZOO'S LATEST ATTRACTION

By OUR ZOO CORRESPONDENT.

The latest arrivals at the Zoo are a collection of North American rodents. They consist of a number of prairie marmots and woodchucks, five tree porcupines, eight gophers, and three fox squirrels, and, with the exception of the marmots, they represent species that have not been exhibited in the Gardens recently.

The tree procupines are large, handsome creatures, and as they possess only a few long, unmistakable quills their appearance is rather deceptive, and may be a snare for unwary visitors. For these animals are covered with thick, dark hair which looks soft and tempting to touch, but anyone who attempts to stroke them finds to his cost that, concealed beneath the fur, there are short quills which lose none of their sharpness by being hidden.

The fox squirrels are remarkable for the beauty of their colouring, while some of the gophers (small, squirrel-like animals) boast of extremely pretty markings; but the woodchucks will probably be more popular, since they look like large grey marmots and have similar habits. Marmots are always an attraction, for the way these quaint little rodents, no more than a foot long, sit upright at the mouth of a burrow holding food in their forefeet has a strong appeal to visitors, and, though they are shy and dart into their burrows with a shrill squeal if alarmed, they will come to the bars of their enclosure to accept nuts. They usually do well in the menagerie and breed freely, but from time to time they suffer from the effects of captivity.

They are provided with an enclosure where they can burrow and gnaw bark, but they do not give their teeth enough work, and consequently these sometimes grow so long that they have to be filed down. The new prairie marmots, or prairie dogs, are intended eventually for the Zoo's branch at Whipsnade, which is expected to be opened to the public next June.

Other new additions made to the collection during last week were two maholi galagos, or bush babies, and two phalangers. The latter are tiny, squirrel-like creatures found in Australia and New Guinea, and as they are extremely delicate and this is a bad time for them to come to this county, the Zoo's new specimens lie in a bed of cotton-wool.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Fifteen cases of smallpox have broken out among children at South Kelsey, North Lincolnshire.

By smashing a back window burglars gained an entry at Chertsey Post Office early yesterday, but apparently secured little of value.

Viscount Peel is to speak on "India" at the Junior Constitutional Club on Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., presiding.

The L.C.C. have placed a contract with a Glasgow firm (Messrs. Shanks and McEwan, Ltd.) at £89,627 for the western approach to the new Barking Road bridge.

General Higgins, head of the Salvation Army, will reach Waterloo on his return from South Africa to-morrow, and will conduct three big meetings at the Albert Hall next Thursday.

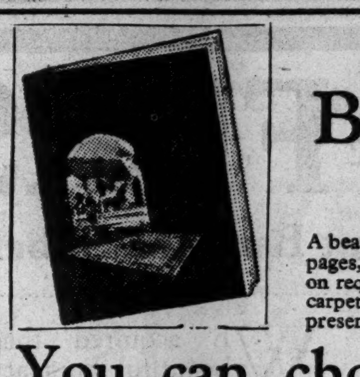
As the three-masted coasting vessel North Dale was leaving Portland yesterday she hit the battleship Iron Duke. No damage was done to the battleship, but the North Dale had her starboard bow stove in.

Mr. Jack Willson, claims manager of the Transport and General Workers' Union, has died in Colindale Hospital, and will be buried from his house at Crewys Road, Peckham, on Tuesday, at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Following an inquiry by the Secretary of Scotland, three Paisley policemen, Primrose, Dalgetty, and McBride, who had been dismissed, are to be reinstated: they were alleged to have had collusion with bookmakers.

At the sitting of the Rochester City Justices yesterday congratulations were showered on Alderman Edward Willis, the senior magistrate, on celebrating the 60th anniversary of his becoming a member of the Rochester City Council.

A smash-and-grab robbery occurred last night in Brighton, the window of a jeweller's shop in Trafalgar Street being smashed by a brick and a tray of brooches removed. A man who was seen running along the street was pursued by civilians, overtaken, and handed over to the police.



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12ft. 0ins. x 2ft ins....	2. 15. 11	6ft. 0ins. x 4ft. 6ins....	2. 19. 11
13ft. 6ins. x 2ft. 3ins....	3. 5. 0	7ft. 6ins. x 4ft. 6ins....	3. 15. 0
15ft. 0ins. x 2ft ins....	3. 12. 6	9ft. 0ins. x 4ft. 6ins....	4. 10. 0
6ft. 0ins. x 3ft 0ins....	1. 19. 6	10ft. 6ins. x 4ft. 6ins....	5. 5. 0
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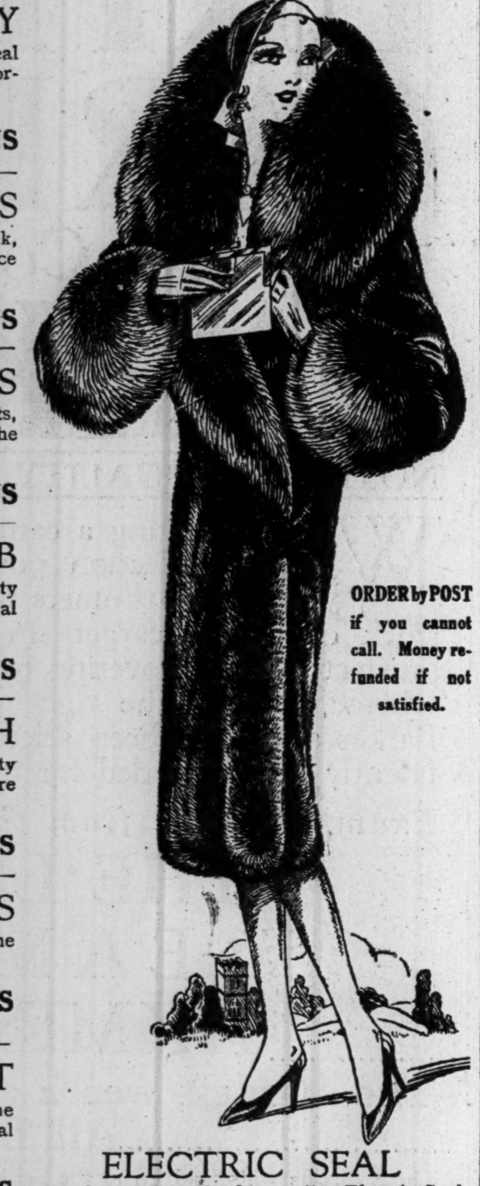

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Court and Society

The party given at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday was mainly in honour of the members of the Imperial Conference, but many notable people were also honoured by invitations. Among them were, for instance, ex-Prime Ministers like Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Lloyd George, as well as the present Premier; many members of the Government, such as the First Lord of the Admiralty, who, with Mrs. Alexander, was to be seen hurriedly passing through the Picture Gallery; Sir Austen Chamberlain was there with Lady Chamberlain in a dress of heavy black satin, trimmed with écru lace at the neck; Lady Violet Astor was another in black, as was Mrs. Amery. Then there were Lord and Lady Dawson of Penn, the latter wearing a coat of bottle-green velvet; the Countess of Lytton in a grey *ensemble*, and Lord Greenwood, accompanied by his wife, in brown. Miss Bennett, sister of the Canadian Prime Minister, wore black, and Mrs. Stevens, also from Canada, was in green velvet, while Lady Squires, from Newfoundland, had on a black coat trimmed with white fur. Viscount Elibank brought his wife, in a black satin dress and a turban with a rose-red feather, and Lady Melchett, who wore black velvet, was telling friends about the lecture on Persian art which Sir Denison Ross will give at her house on the 11th inst. Sir James Barrie was another of those invited, who also included Sir Edward Elgar, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, Lord and Lady Camrose, Sir Owen Seaman, Sir Gilbert Parker, Mr. and Mrs. John Galsworthy, Mr. and Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, Dame Nellie Melba, and Cardinal Bourne. Guests were announced to Their Majesties by the Earl of Cromer, and were received by the King and Queen, the latter looking very well in saxe blue velvet and many rows of pearls, the Duke of Connaught standing close by, while others near at hand were Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught, the last named in black, and Princess Helena Victoria and Lady Patricia Ramsay, in brown.

Once again on Monday Londonderry House was the scene of a reception "To meet Mr. Stanley Baldwin," and to avoid any possibility of uninvited guests (I refuse to use the words "gate-crashers") invitation cards were inspected and taken on arrival. At the head of the great stairs stood Mr. Baldwin by the side of the Marchioness of Londonderry, who was wearing a charming frock of black net flounces with many of the famous family diamonds, a portion of which formed a belt around her waist. The host stood slightly behind her, and next to him their second daughter, Lady Margaret Stewart, dressed in white taffetas and wearing her long chain of fire opals and diamonds, while a small emerald and diamond clip was fastened in her tawny hair. Lady Helen, her younger sister, was unable to be present owing to a cold. Mrs. Baldwin had her unmarried daughter with her, the former wearing white, and the latter maize colour. Lady Maureen Stanley, who was walking through the picture gallery with Mr. Frederick Lonsdale, was one of several women wearing the new turquoise blue shade, her dress being of velvet, and on her shoulder was fastened a picquet of Cattleya orchids. Countess Howe also wore turquoise blue velvet, and Lady Georgiana Curzon, too, was in this colour, though her frock was of chiffon. I saw the Hon. Charles Rhys talking for a long time to Cora Countess of Strafford, who had on fine diamonds, as had Florence Lady Nunburnholme. I noticed that Mme. de Fleuriau was one of those who elected to come up by the lift to avoid the crush on the stairs. Lady Leconfield had on a lamé dress, as had Mrs. Wilfrid Ashley, and the Hon. Mrs. Rupert Beckett's frock of black chiffon with a gay floral pattern on it outlined in diamanté was very successful. Sir Austen and Lady Chamberlain, the latter in black, had their daughter with them, in a frock of lime green. The Countess of Iveagh also had on light green, as had Lady Wrazall. M.P.s included the Hon. Henry Mond, with his wife, in an original dress of black taffetas, which had cuffs and a basque of glittering silver lattice; Captain Victor Cazalet, who was escorting the Hon. Mrs. Esmond Harmsworth, and his sister, in blue lace, was also to be seen.

A galaxy of Royalties was present at the Ice Carnival at Grosvenor House on Friday evening, when not only was the Queen of Spain the guest of the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, but the Prince of Wales honoured the Duchess of Sutherland, too. Her Spanish Majesty looked handsome in a silver dress bordered with sable and a coat of ermine. Her daughters were dressed alike in white frocks over which they had short coats of silver tissue with collars of pale grey and white fox. Their hostess wore black net under a coat of black broadtail with an ermine collar, and among others at her table I saw Lord and Lady George Cholmondeley, the latter in fondant pink, Lord Plunket with his wife in white, the Earl of Cromer, and Viscount Knebworth. The Marquis of Northampton presided over the Duchess of Sutherland's table instead of the Duke, who is still in mourning for his sister—in remembrance of whom this Carnival was held—the Duchess appearing as a wearer of a chinchilla cloak over a black dress. Her sister, Lady Betty Butler, was in pale green, and others to be seen at different times were Lady Cunard, in bright turquoise blue, who was honoured by the presence of Prince George; Lady Annaly, in a red and white frock; Mrs. Dudley Ward, in dark blue and a short beige velvet coatee; the Hon. Evelyn FitzGerald with his wife in snowy ermine and fox; and Lady Wodehouse, also in white.

The party at the Egyptian Legation developed into a dance as parties always seem to do after a fashion on these occasions at this hospitable house, where the new Egyptian Minister, Dr. Afifi Pasha, acted as host with his wife, who was dressed in pale green chiffon. Lord and Lady Jessel, the latter in green lamé, with their daughter Doreen, stood for some time watching arrivals, and so did the Hon. Mrs. E. A. Fitzroy and Colonel the Hon. Edward Stuart-Wortley. Kathleen Countess of Drogheda, in cyclamen pink velvet, was talking for a while with Viscountess Dunedin, who wore white, and among those dancing were Lady (Godfrey) Thomas, in red velvet; Lord Greenwood, with his daughter Angela, who wore flesh-coloured satin; Lord Swaythling with his wife in apple green; and the Dowager Lady Swaythling, whose black flowered lamé dress had roses at the hips. Lady Greenwood, in pale green satin, was also there, as were Viscount Allenby, wearing the beautiful green ribbon of the Order of the Nile, with his wife in black, and Sir Wyndham and Lady Childs.

Lady Maureen Stanley had a little tea-party at her pretty house in Dean Trench Street a few afternoons ago, when she was an admirable hostess, and very smartly dressed in black velvet, with some beautiful pearls. Her cousin, Lady Mary Herbert, in red-currant colour, and her sister, Lady Margaret Stewart, in all Sèvres blue, were busy discussing with her brother, Viscount Castlereagh, the details of a ball for the Conservative Women's Advisory Committee which they are giving at the May Fair Hotel on December 9. The Earl of Derby will receive the guests, and many well-known people are going.

MAYFAIR.

JERSEY CLOTH ENSEMBLES.

A VERY becoming material is the widely varied jersey cloth, often patterned with flecks or spots and checks, and woven of wool or of silk.

The sketch to the left shows a dark brown suit of jersey with tiny white flecks in a definite pattern and trimmed with a "cross fox" deep collar, carrying out the mixed brown and white note. This suit has a scalloped edge, a small shoulder cape and a belt tied at the waistline. The coat has a slightly flared hemline (over a straight skirt) and ties at one side at the waist.

The other "ensemble" is of putty-coloured jersey with a tiny pattern of deeper brown. The underfrock has stitched rows of this colour on both corsage and skirt and on the scarf of the material.

A Woman's Corner

November.

The Constant Friend.

By PANDORA.

November is the most slandered month of the whole year. Hardly anyone mentions her or writes of her without speaking of drear November, cold November, foggy November; yet there are days in this month which rival April and even early May, days which are wistful and gentle, and if a little melancholy at least have nothing cruel and boisterous in their make-up.

November allows us, without feeling apologetic, to sit by the fire reading, with the prospect of crumpets and muffins for tea, and the glow of early lights on the chrysanthemums; November has the pageantry of the Lord Mayor's Show; the ancient, if slightly unkind, revival of interest in Guy Fawkes Day by those youthful patriots who have not the least idea who Guy Fawkes was or what he did; the sacred memories of Armistice Day, when we call to our beloved dead across the barriers.

In November "the leaves, thin dancers upon air, go eddying round." Though there are few so unimaginative as not to feel a little melancholy at the thought of the dying year, yet Spring and Autumn are linked together, as Shelley wrote when he addressed Spring as

the child who wearest
Thy mother's dying smile, tender and sweet;
Thy mother Autumn, for whose grave thou bearest
Fresh flowers and beams like flowers, with gentle feet
Disturbing not the leaves which are her winding sheet.

New Calendars.

November means hurrying along to December, and at the risk of being detested for reminding you that Christmas is so near and nothing ready, as usual, I shall again mention the list of latest times for posting letters and parcels.

Some of the shops do their best to ensure the people at a distance getting their parcels in time by putting up lists of dates for parcel posts. But while thanking them I regret that there is a certain vagueness, as in a shop which gave one date for "America," as if a little matter of three thousand miles was hardly worth considering. However, their intentions were of the best, and if the puddings and plum cakes for British Columbia and California are a little late we must hope that at least they have kept well.

Early as it is to talk of calendars, I have to thank two readers for most welcome examples. Both of them the kind which enables you to see the month of the year and the day of the month without having to apply for a search warrant.

One is the Women's Institute calendar, sent to me by the compiler (Mrs. Elwin), who arranges this greeting to members annually—"I yet wonder," she says, "if those who live in towns realise to the fullest extent how the Women's Institutes have changed the outlook of the countryside, broadening, developing character, increasing interests, and discovering talents. But above all bringing handicrafts into their own again. It is a wonderful movement!"

About Trees.

My other calendar is a delight to the eyes, for it glorifies trees, and is dedicated to "all tree lovers and to those who would keep their countryside beautiful by tree planting." The Road Beautifying Association should win to its ideas all who see this calendar, for the page for each month is decorated with a tree picture suited to the time of the year. One of the most lovely is a view of the Gothic Aisle, Savernake, with the words, "So like a temple did it seem, that there a pious heart's first impulse would be prayer."

We are grateful for the material roads, but there are many who never travel them without a wistful memory of the beautiful trees which vanished to make them. Perhaps it is well not to think much of the two pictures, the lovely old paths and woods, and the new broad roads, bare and uninspiring, lest one be tempted to become a traitor to progress, which the roads represent.

Unknown Benefactors.

"Why," demands a reader, "when you speak of the benefactor who invented beds and the other who first made mirrors, did you not say a word of thanks to the inventor of the hot water bottle?"

Why, indeed? There's ingratitude for you! The inventor of the hot water bottle, particularly the adaptable obliging rubber kind, deserves all the homage that is the due of philanthropists. True, he had the warming pan for a predecessor and an example, and before that there were hot bricks, as there still are in emergencies in the country, but the name of the person who combined hot water with a rubber bottle as a comfortable attribute of the cold months should have been remembered.

We take too much for granted. Before the days of the shingle the unknown ancient inventor of the hairpin was regarded as deserving of thanks and praise, and though we have been for a time less dependent upon the hairpin than of old it would seem to be coming into its own again. But the hot water bottle is the friend of all. You may be a very superior person, and even affect to despise small comforts, but on a really chilly night with a cold at the sniffing stage the most superior will fall before the comfortable hot water bottle; the faithful friend that keeps in the background until wanted. Over its possibilities for leaking or for bursting we should draw a veil as over the faults of a much loved friend.

Lassooing Thieves.

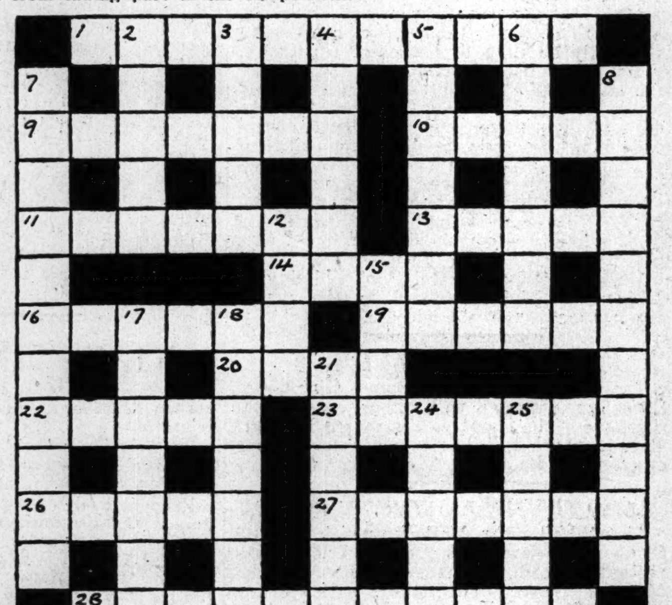
A reader, annoyed by the thought of the bag-snatchers and car-thieves who have dared and won, suggests that the police should be trained to use a lassoo, a trick familiar to those who have seen a music-hall star practise the art. It is true that in many cases no policeman is at hand when the thefts occur, but at least there would be a chance sometimes of catching the impudent thieves who snatch a bag from under an arm in the dusk or drive a car away almost under the eyes of the owner. One sometimes feels amazed at the way in which women carry handbags as if tempting thieves, but there must be many cases in which the latter discover that they have risked prison for the sake of a small sum, some addresses, and a mixed collection of pencils, a fountain pen, a handkerchief, a powder-box, and a shopping list.

Postage Stamp Hats.

Who can account for the vagaries of fashion? Not I for one, but that does not prevent my expressing mild amazement over the latest method of wearing one of the small hats which are mere apologies for hats. Can anyone explain why, at the very time of the year when one wants some covering for the head, if only to escape neuralgia, we should be expected to wear tiny little caps which stick on by a miracle and look as if they were sliding off into the void? We have worn hats which we jammed down on our heads, we have jerked our hats over first one eye and then the other, and a previous generation was smartest in hats which perched precariously on an erection of hair and pads, but these slippery little dabs seem the most bewildering efforts on the part of the fashion-mongers. Only the very young and pretty, who look young and pretty in anything, are bearable in these affairs. As you look at a woman who has reached an age when she gazes with distaste on advertisements of "hats for matrons" and wonders why the shape she wore a few years ago no longer suits her, with her forehead and the front of her head exposed to the bleak light of day, you feel there is something to be said for sumptuary laws or for the wearing of a uniform after a certain age. Only we should never believe that we ourselves had reached that particular age.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 305.

Send solutions addressed "Cross-word No. 305," SUNDAY TIMES, 135, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4. Two novels selected from publishers' announcements in the SUNDAY TIMES will be given to the senders of the first five correct solutions opened after the first post on Thursday. Readers in Scotland are precluded from taking part in the competition.



ACROSS.

1. Bent (or bending).
9. Wherein Nelson died.
10. A thousand in some, but a raiser of war memories.
11. A famous rock in a foreign river.
13. Quash.
14. Brightness is dull when this I shed.
16. A stonemason's form of patience!
19. A form of observing.
20 Put that in your pipe and smoke it.
22. Go after brown at the ball.
23. "Ma's term" (anag.)
26 After this you can hardly look for any more letters.
27. Always a weight in the Soccer world.
28. Delight.

DOWN.

2. Not warm-hearted, but certainly more pleasant.
3. Part of a coat a monkey can hide in.
4. Kind of fur.
5. "Even the ranks of —— could scarce forbear to cheer" (Macaulay).
6. Turk, who is a man at heart.
7. Undoubted approval.
8. Has a musical head and lacerated tail, and is not keen on keeping the peace.
12. To do this, in sketching, is an art.
15. A reduced military body.
17 Frank.
18. "Sea toil" (anag.).
21. The agreement just as despatched.
24. Acts in lieu of a principal.
25. This slogan should put a large number on the scent.

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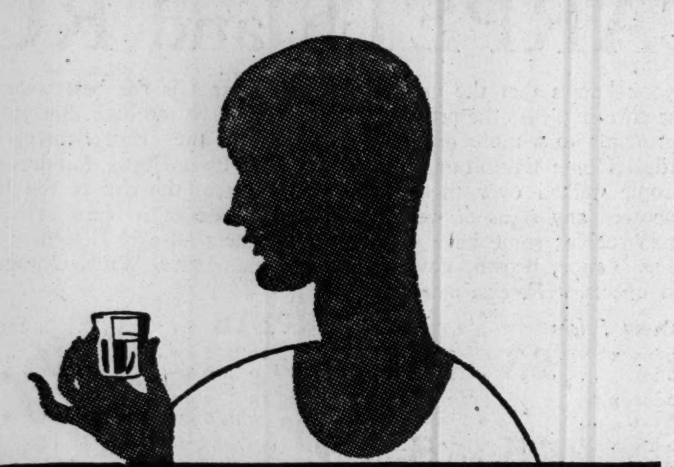

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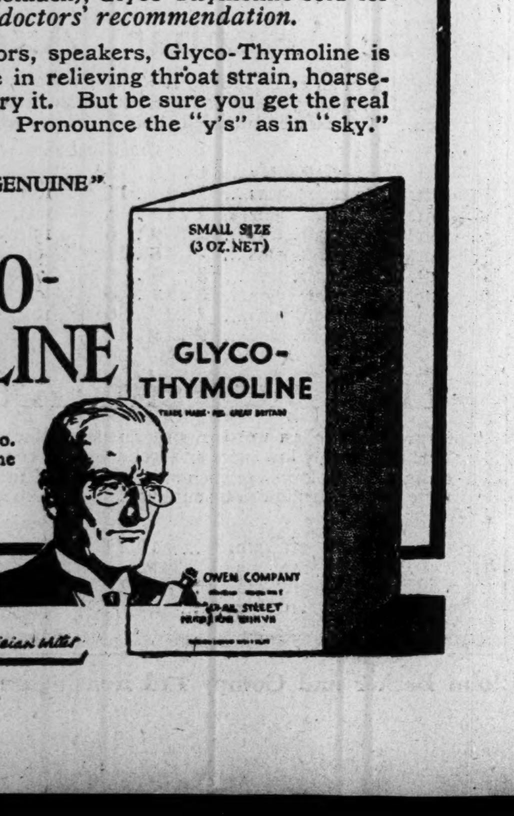

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SICK AND IN POVERTY.

A GREAT ARTIST AND HIS WORK.

Sir William Watson, the oldest living English poet, lies sick and in poverty. After many years of suffering and neglect, he now lies at Bath, confined to bed with bronchial trouble.

An appeal signed by many distinguished men, which must make a poignant impression on all who value a great literary tradition, was yesterday issued on his behalf:—

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TESTIMONIAL FUND.

"We have, accordingly, decided to inaugurate a testimonial fund in recognition of Sir William's magnificent contribution to the poetry of our time and race, and, in spite of the abnormally difficult conditions now everywhere prevailing, we do not doubt that our appeal will meet with an immediate and generous response, both here and in the Dominions, and in America.

"The fund will be administered by a committee consisting of Mr. Lascelles Abercrombie, Mr. Arthur Machen, and Mr. Wallace B. Nichols. Subscriptions may be sent to the Midland Bank, Limited, 5, Princes Street, London, E.C.2, or to any of the Midland Bank Branches. Cheques, etc., should be made payable to 'Sir William Watson Testimonial Fund Account.'"

THE SIGNATORIES.

Among those who signed the appeal are the following:—

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HOW THE FUND WILL BE USED.

For some time past Sir William Watson has lived in a little house at Peacehaven with his wife and two daughters. He has been suffering from acute bronchitis, and as his books of poetry and prose (his last volume brought him exactly £10) have not had a large sale, his small means have been swallowed up by doctors' bills and other expenses incidental to illness.

In a talk with Mr. Wallace B. Nichols and Mr. Owlett, a SUNDAY TIMES representative learned that the object of the fund was to buy a house in Hampstead or Highgate for the poet and to establish a trust fund for the use of Lady Watson which would, on her death, be used for her two daughters.

"We hope also to have enough money to train Sir William's two young daughters for some remunerative work," said Mr. Nichols. "They have had no training to fit them to earn their own living, and this aspect of the proposed fund is regarded as very important. Sir William, we know, has been concerned about the future of his daughters.

"Sir William was at first opposed to the idea of a fund, but when he learned how enthusiastic was the support of the many famous people who have signed the letter he was deeply touched and delighted.

"It showed him beyond doubt that he was not forgotten by his countrymen."

AMERICA'S RESPONSE.

"America," declared Mr. Owlett, "followed this country's lead very quickly. At the first news of the Testimonial Fund in America, over 1,200 dollars were received by Mr. Robert Underwood Johnson, at one time American Ambassador to Rome and now director of the Hall of Fame, New York University, who is looking after the Fund in America."

The SUNDAY TIMES learns that the Authors Club of America has made Sir William Watson an honorary member, and also that the American Academy of Arts and Letters will, at its annual meeting on November 13, elect him a Corresponding Member.

Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador to America, and Sir Harry Armstrong, British Consul-General, have both contributed. The former American Ambassador to England, the Hon. John W. Davis, has also contributed to the Fund.

The English-Speaking Union in America is also taking the matter up, and a large sum is expected as Sir William Watson is greatly admired as a poet.

In Paris and France generally support has been promised by many leading poets and writers.

(An appreciation of Sir William Watson's art by Mr. Clarence Winchester appears on page 11.)

LITERARY LAURELS.

CHOOSING THE BOOKS FOR FAMOUS PRIZE.

Miss Sheila Kaye-Smith and Miss G. B. Stern have been elected president and vice-president respectively of the Femina Vie Heureuse and Northcliffe Prizes Committee for the ensuing year, in place of Mrs. Robert Lynd and Miss Ella Hepworth Dixon.

The Committee will meet to-morrow to choose three English books for recommendation at the Paris Committee. From these the latter will choose the one which will receive the 1930-31 Femina Vie Heureuse prize.

This is an annual prize of £40, presented by the French magazine, "Femina," on the award of a committee of eminent French women writers for the best work of imagination in English, published during the year by an author whose work has hitherto, in the opinion of the Committee, not received sufficient recognition.

Mr. Jonathan Cape presents a reciprocal prize entitled, "The Northcliffe Prize" for a French work of imagination.

VOICE FROM THE GRAVE.

POET MAKES HIS OWN FUNERAL ORATION.

GRAMOPHONE AT PÈRE LACHAISE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

Paul Napoléon Roinard, the Symbolist poet, who died this week at the age of 74, made his own funeral oration at the Père Lachaise Cemetery yesterday.

At the very moment his body entered the crematorium, a gramophone was set in motion, and the many well-known writers who attended the ceremony listened to a record which the poet had specially made for the occasion. It began quite simply with the words, "Dear friends," and then recited one of his own poems. Those present, both men and women, were deeply affected as they listened to the simple words and voice of one they had known so well.

This is the first time, in France, at least, that a dead man has made his own funeral speech. French funerals are noted for the length and dullness of the orations which accompany them, but if the example of Roinard—who has been called the Last of the Bohemians—is followed, something may be gained for brevity and for sincerity certainly more.

CONGRESS DRINKS

SEQUEL TO ARREST OF BOOTLEGGER.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

A sensation was caused here when it became known that dry "snoopers" (agents) had been sent to the Capitol to catch a well-known bootlegger known as "The Man in the Green Hat," who is alleged to have supplied Senators and members of the House of Representatives with whisky and other forbidden alcoholic drinks.

It is stated that the agents had been sent at the bequest of Vice-President Curtis, who is a "dry" supporter. It was admitted, however, that Mr. Curtis had no authority in general to send agents to spy on Congressmen.

George Cassidy, or "The Man in the Green Hat," was arrested recently in the Senate building while he was delivering liquor. A long list of customers, supposed to be Congressmen, was found upon him.—Reuter.

WHEN THE PRINCE VISITS CHILI.

WARM WELCOME ASSURED.

A warm welcome awaits the Prince of Wales when he visits Chili next year on the commencement of his second tour in South America. In conversation yesterday with a representative of the SUNDAY TIMES, the Chilian Ambassador in London said that not only the Prince's personal friends, but every section of the public, would give him the most cordial of greetings. "During his last visit, all too short, the Prince," said the Ambassador, "made a large circle of friends in Chili, and his return visit will be awaited with the keenest pleasure."

On this his second tour in the continent of South America the Prince will, the SUNDAY TIMES understands, reverse the order of the route he took five years ago. The object of his mission is to perform the opening ceremony of the British Exhibition at Buenos Ayres.

Leaving England towards the end of January, the Prince, who may be accompanied by Prince George, will travel by way of the Panama Canal to Chili. He wishes to renew his acquaintance with his Chilian friends, thus fulfilling the promise he gave during his stay amongst them when he was coming home from his South African tour.

The Prince and his youngest brother are both studying Spanish in preparation for the trip. The Prince of Wales already has a considerable acquaintance with the language, and this he is now perfecting.

AN OPPONENT FOR MR. CHURCHILL.

MR. COMYNS CARR.

At a meeting last night of the Epping Liberal Association Council, at Woodford, Mr. A. S. Comyns Carr, K.C., was selected prospective Liberal candidate for the Epping Division. The sitting member is Mr. Winston Churchill.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Comyns Carr advocated the reform of the machinery of Government, involving the abolition of the prerogative of a Prime Minister without a definite majority in Parliament to claim a dissolution whenever the House disagreed with him unless he had a majority vote of the members of the House to support his claim.

He also contended that a Parliament should exist for not less than five years. The number of Government Departments should be reduced to twelve, there should be a reform of the machinery of Parliamentary procedure and, most important, there should be a drastic measure of electoral reform.

BLACK AND WHITE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

"WE DARE NOT ALLOW EQUALITY."

CAPE TOWN, Saturday.

Speaking at a Nationalist bazaar at Johannesburg to-day, Mr. Grobler, the Minister of Lands, referred to the native problem, and said that the Union dared not allow the black and white races equality because of the result of miscegenation and the consequent degeneration of both races. Segregation could not be applied throughout the Union with the best results so long as other States adhered to the threadbare doctrine of the French Revolution of equality and fraternity, with the consequent miscegenation.

Segregation did not mean fencing off the native within a water-tight compartment, but allowing him to profit from white development and civilisation through working freely for and under whites.

"We require the native in our industrial development," said Mr. Grobler, "and acknowledge that he is entitled to a share of the labour and the benefits offering, but we are out to define his sphere of activities as well as that of the white man in all works of life. We have in view further political segregation by the separating of the black and white voters in the Cape, and, above all, we have in view social segregation, stopping and rendering punishable miscegenation."—Exchange.

AMATEUR FLIER KILLED.

BARRISTER'S CRASH IN DENSE FOG.

PLANE IN FLAMES

DISASTER IN FLIGHT HOMEWARD.

Flying in a fog at Stag Lane Aerodrome, Hendon, yesterday, Mr. Douglas Henry Corsellis, a barrister, of New Court, Temple, E.C., crashed to the ground. The aeroplane burst into flames, and Mr. Corsellis was dead before assistance arrived.

Mr. Corsellis, whose home was at Wiston Mill, near Nayland, Suffolk, had been the owner of a small private plane for nearly two years, and was a very keen aviator. He had been in the habit of flying down to spend the week-end with his family, and yesterday morning took off about eight o'clock, when the fog was very thick. He had not been long in the air when, it is believed, he realised that the light was too bad for flying, and attempted to land. In doing so he crashed near the sheds, striking the fence surrounding the aerodrome.

The crash was heard by mechanics working in the sheds, and they rushed out, to find the machine wrecked.

An official at the London Aeroplane Club at Stag Lane Aerodrome stated later in the day that the bad light made flying very imprudent. "The fog was exceptionally thick when Mr. Corsellis took off," he said. "Indeed, conditions were so bad that it was difficult to drive even a motor-car around the aerodrome. Visibility was not more than fifty yards, and motor-cars near the aerodrome had their lights on."

A SKILLED PILOT.

Mr. Corsellis, who was only 33, was a barrister of the Inner and Middle Temple. He was the leading junior counsel at the Patent Bar, having assumed within two years the extensive practice and legal mantle of Sir Courtney Terrell, now serving in India, whose pupil he had been for some time.

Some years ago he took up flying with enthusiasm, and apart from the London Aero Club was associated with other flying organisations. "Often," his clerk stated yesterday, "he has been advised to give up flying in view of the legal practice he had built up, but all he would say in reply was that flying was one of the most fascinating and exhilarating of pastimes. He himself was a highly skilled pilot, and had often flown in his own aeroplane with friends. All his spare time was devoted to flying."

Mr. Corsellis leaves a widow and three children, who at the time he crashed were waiting for him to join them at breakfast, as he had so often done.

AUSTRALIAN FINANCE.

LABOUR'S DEMANDS.

SYDNEY, Saturday.

The "Sydney Herald" states that the caucus of the Federal Labour Party has decided that the Commonwealth Bank shall be instructed to maintain the exchange pool so that the Australian Governments may be in a position to make certain demands regarding Australian funds with British banks.

The Commonwealth Bank is to be the sole banking authority for determining the rates of external exchange by fixing such rates as to protect the primary producers of the Commonwealth against falling prices by means of a compensating rate of exchange on Australian money.

The Commonwealth Bank will also be asked to agree to raising a loan of £20,000,000 so that Federal and State works of a productive character can be financed. An increase in the note issue to enable this finance to be arranged is to be requested.—Reuter.

COUNCIL'S "SHABBY" MOTOR-CAR.

MINISTRY'S VETO ON LOAN

Although the Health Ministry refused to sanction the raising of a loan of £650 with which to buy a new motor-car, Edmonton Urban District Council, which has a Labour majority, has accepted a tender for a car costing £560, without seeking authority. They will pay for it by four quarterly instalments.

The Ministry took the view that the council should buy a cheaper car than the one proposed, and that public money should not be expended on a car in which councillors were allowed to ride. Such a vehicle, they stated, should be used only by public officials in the course of their duties.

Councillors complained that their present car was so shabby that they had to leave it down a back street when they went to conferences in London which were attended by councillors from other districts in "posh" cars.

Councillors and officials recently refused to ride in the car at a funeral, although it was placed at their disposal.

NO ORDER FOR NEW AIRSHIP.

HOWDEN STATION TO CLOSE.

One of the indirect results of the R101 disaster is that Howden airship station, in Yorkshire, where the R100 was built, is to close down.

Over sixty highly skilled men—chiefly technical staff—will be thrown out of work by this decision. The station belongs to the Airship Guarantee Company, Limited, the constructors of the R100.

Sir Dennistoun Burney, head of the company, in an interview yesterday, said:—

"We were forced, much against our will, to make this decision about a month ago. It is impossible to say when we shall be able to reopen the station, or even whether we shall be able to do so at all. As long as the present policy of the Air Ministry lasts, it will be impossible to start work there again. We are entirely dependent on the Air Ministry.

"We have no orders to build an airship, and so there is nothing to justify us in keeping the airship station going. I suppose this is one of the results of the R101 disaster.

"We are all very sorry that this has had to happen, but we could not do otherwise."

SCOTS SPA REOPENS.

Once one of the most famous of Scottish spas, Bridge of Allan, in the Ochil Hills, is making a determined effort to re-establish its popularity. Custody of the wells has been entrusted to Mr. W. Holdsworth Lunn, and the spa was formally re-opened by Sir Humphrey Rolleston, Physician in Ordinary to the King. He said that the protected position of Bridge of Allan resembled that of Cheltenham and of Montpellier: its season, therefore, was from January 1 to December 31.

All the orders and decorations and the gold communion plate used in to-day's coronation of Ras Tafari, Emperor of Ethiopia, in the new church at Addis Ababa, were made by Mappin and Webb, London, who also made the silver centrepiece which will be awarded for the horse race to be held after the coronation ceremony.

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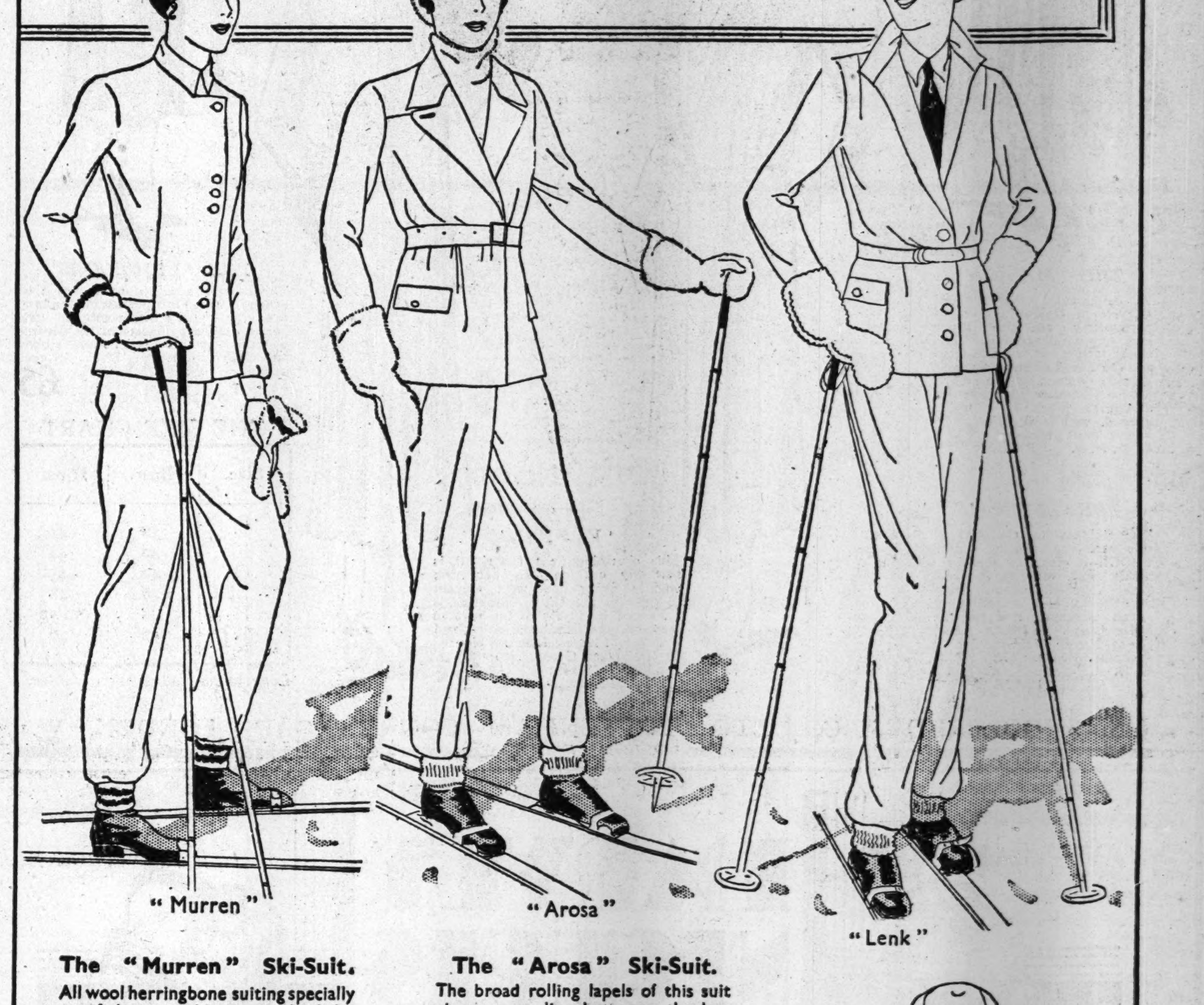

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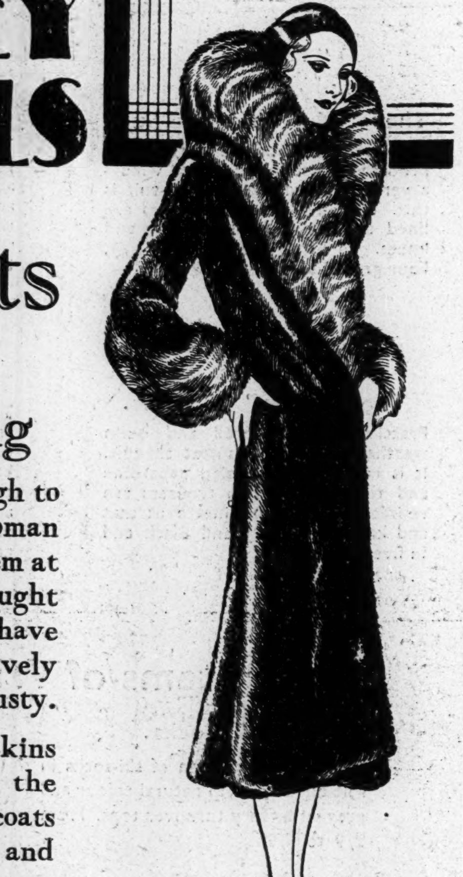

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DOG RACING CASE JUDGMENT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

That the operations of a hand-totalisator on a dog racing track do not constitute betting was the decision of the Deputy Stipendiary, Mr. C. V. Addinsell, given in a reserve judgment by him at Liverpool to-day.

The case was one in which James Shand, of Prospect Vale, Liverpool, secretary and managing director of the Electric Hare Greyhound Racing, Ltd., and thirty-five clerks and operators, were summoned under the Vagrancy Act. They were further summoned with aiding and abetting persons to bet.

Both summonses in all cases were dismissed.

The Deputy Stipendiary quoted decisions of the Court of Appeal in similar actions, and said that he had come to the conclusion that the position of Mr. Shand and his assistants was that they got nothing from the operations of the totalisator. They were merely servants of the Greyhound Company, which was not summoned.

"I think," he added, "that the defendants may be fairly described as part of the machine by which money is collected from patrons of the totalisator, apportioned and re-distributed to the appropriate patrons. Therefore, I hold that they did not wager within the meaning of the Act, and all the summonses will be dismissed."

LOTTERY RATHER THAN BET.

With regard to the summonses of aiding persons to bet, the Magistrate observed that the action of betting was a personal activity, as distinct from a mere passive interest in an event. The transactions at the totalisator approximated more closely to a lottery than a bet.

The prosecution had not produced evidence of any terms or conditions made between the company to show an agreement expressed or implied on the part of the patrons of the totalisator waiving any right they might have against the company. "Nor has the prosecution satisfied me," added Mr. Addinsell, "that there was any betting carried on at the totalisator."

The Deputy Stipendiary expressed himself willing to state a case. He refused an application for costs on behalf of the defendants, remarking that it had been a most proper case for the police to bring.

BARGE SKIPPER SHOT IN CABIN.

GUN FOUND BY SIDE.

As Mr. C. Burrows, coxswain of a Sheerness Dockyard steam launch, was returning down the Medway to the dockyard with a load of workmen, he noticed that the lights of the barge Plantagenet were hoisted but were not burning. He went aboard, and in the cabin he found the captain, G. W. Hornsail, lying dead on the floor, half dressed, with a wound in his head and a gun by his side.

There were two dogs on the barge. A cartridge was lying on the hatchway.

Mr. Hornsail, who was to have been married shortly, was 24 years of age, and his home is at Conyer near Faversham. The barge belongs to Bradwell-on-Sea, near Southminster, Essex.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.

£110,000 WANTED FOR ITS RENOVATION.

An appeal has been launched by the trustees of the Alexandra Palace for funds to renovate the building completely, and to effect considerable improvements to the grounds.

It is pointed out that the palace and park are held in trust for the public, and that successive Ministers of Health have urged the great importance to the health and well-being of the community of the provision and maintenance of parks and open spaces for public recreation, particularly in thickly-populated areas.

The trustees, it is stated, have received a letter from the Treasury showing that the Government is willing to contribute £86,625 towards the wages cost of the proposed scheme. The estimated total cost of the scheme is £192,500, and £110,000 has to be provided apart from the Government grant.

"AUTOMATISM."

WOMAN'S DENIAL OF DRUNKENNESS.

DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE.

"Automatism" arising from a condition known as *petit mal* was successfully pleaded in defence of a woman charged at Marylebone Police Court yesterday with being drunk in Wigmore Street. During the hearing of the case a Harley Street physician gave remarkable evidence.

Accused was Ethel Allen, aged 65, married, of Portland Court, Great Portland Place. Constable Livesey gave evidence that he saw her staggering about on the footpath in Wigmore Street. She leaned against a shop window and he asked her what was the matter. Her speech was thick and her eyes very dilated. See smelt very strongly of drink, and thinking she was drunk, he took her to the station. There she said, "I have been playing Bridge and drinking whisky."

Mr. Seaton (for the Commissioner of Police) said that Mrs. Allen did not complain of illness, and when asked if she would like to see a doctor made no reply. Five persons who saw her came to the conclusion that she was drunk.

Dr. Leonard C. D. Irvine, of Harley Street, said Mrs. Allen had been under his care scores of times. She suffered from *petit mal*, with occasional *grand mal*, which produced automatism, sometimes of several hours' duration. On those occasions she was very shaky on her legs and four years ago she fell and broke her arm.

BELLADONNA EYE LOTION.

Asked why her pupils were dilated, Dr. Irvine said that she insisted on using a belladonna eye lotion, which produced that condition. When suffering from an attack, her condition exactly resembled that of a drunken person; so much so that on one occasion he himself had thought that she was drunk. Because of her illness, he had suggested that she should never go out alone, or without an identity disc. So far as he knew, she had never been drunk.

Cross-examined, the doctor explained that in a state of automatism the patient would be able to perform, more or less well, those functions which had become habits, but she would not be able to think. Her answers to questions would be automatic, fantastic and almost delusional. Certainly her statement that she had been playing Bridge just before was not true.

Miss Blackburn, an assistant at the Times Book Club, said Mrs. Allen called there shortly before her arrest and selected "The Forsyte Saga" from the library.

Mr. Peregrine (defending): Did you see the slightest sign of intoxication about her?—Witness: Very, very slight.

Mr. Hay Halkett said he thought that perhaps the accused was half drunk and ill, and in view of the doctor's evidence he was not satisfied that she was really drunk, and the case would be dismissed.

CADETS FOR NAVY.

ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

The Admiralty have appointed a committee to consider the question of the recruitment of officers for the Royal Navy. The members are:—

Captain Sir Ernest N. Bennett, M.P. (Chairman),

Admiral of the Fleet, Sir O. de B. Brock,

Rear-Admiral the Hon. R. A. R. Plunkett-Ernle-Drax,

Sir Edmund Phipps,

Mr. F. R. Dale, Headmaster of City of London School, with

Mr. H. V. Markham, Secretary's Department, Admiralty (secretary).

The Admiralty consider that the existing methods of entry may unduly restrict the field from which candidates are drawn. They are anxious that candidates should have a fair opportunity of being considered on their merits for entry as cadets, from whatever schools and from whatever classes of the community they are drawn.

INCREASED PAY ON PROMOTION.

AWARD IN CIVIL SERVICE

The Industrial Court, in an award with respect to Civil Service promotions, issued yesterday, stated that an immediate advance of pay on promotion was a general principle which commended itself to them, especially in the case of promotion to a higher class.

This view conflicts somewhat with that of the Treasury, who had stated in opposing the claim that the Government did not admit that all promotions in the Civil Service should be marked by an immediate increase in pay.

The Court granted increases of from £10 to £20 per annum to executive, clerical, and other classes.

TO-MORROW'S CAUSE LIST.

Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

First Divn.—At 10.30: Appeal.—United States Shipping Board v. ship St. Albans (pt. hd.). Second Divn.—At 10: Appeal.—Raj Kumar Gobinda Naryan Singh and ors. v. Sham Lal Singh and ors. (pt. hd.).

House of Lords.

At 10.45: Egan and ors. v. Attorney-Gen. (hrg.).

Court of Appeal.

COURT I. (Master of the Rolls, Lawrence and Romer, L.JJ.).—At 10.30: Appeal Motions—Expte.—From Chanc. and Prob. and Div. Dvns.—Appeals.—From Chanc. Dvn.—(Final List).—Re Venables—Sargeant v. Venables (appl. of Deft., Moginis, from order of Maugham, J.) (pt. hd.); Huntoon v. Kolynos Inc. (appl. of Pltffs. from order of Clauson, J.); re Arbitration between Allistone and Giddins (appl. of Respt. from order of Eve, J.).

COURT II. (Scrutton, Greer, and Slesser, L.JJ.).—At 10.30: Appeal Motions—Expte.—From K.B and Admrlty. Dvns.—Orig. Motion.—Harper v. Constantinesco (appln. by Pltff. for costs of abandoned appeal). Not before 10.45: Appeals.—From K.B. Dvn. (Interloc. List).—Joan Margaret Carroll, inf. (appl. of Ellen Carroll) (pt. hd.). F. and N.T. List.—Collis v. Joint Stock Development Trust (appl. of Pltff. from judgt. of Rowlatt, J.); Ambatielos v Foundation Co. of New York, U.S.A. (appln. of Defts. for judgt. or new trial).

Chancery Division.

COURT I. (Eve, J.).—At 11: Witness List.—Part II.—Boyer v Boyer (pt. hd.); Vandervell v. London and Palatine Trust.

COURT IV. (Clauson and Farwell, J.).—At 10.30: Sitting in Bnkrptcy.—Dvnl. Court.—Re a Debtor (No. 19 of 1930)—expte. Debtor v. Petg. Creditor and Official Rec. (appl. from Bournemouth C.C.); re a Debtor (No. 76 of 1930)—expte. Judgt., Debtor v. Judgt. Creditors. (appl. from Court of Lancashire (Manchester); re a Debtor (No. 18 of 1930)—expte. Petg. Creditors v. Debtor (appl. from the Brentford C.Ct.); re Ebbutt, D. H.—expte. Bankrupt v. Official Rec. (appl. from Croydon C.Ct.); re Debtors (No. 4 of 1930)—expte. Debtors v. Petg. Creditor and Official Rec. (appl. from Frome C.Ct.); re a Debtor (No. 23 of 1930)—expte. Debtor v. Petg. Creditor and Official Rec. (appl. from Brighton and Lewes C.Ct.).

COURT V. (Maugham, J.).—At 10.30: In Court (as Chambers).—Summons.—Sheffield Speedway and Stadium. In Court.—Petns. (Unoppd. First).—To wind up: Evos Doorways; British Filmcraft Productions; Sporting Times (1928); Godfrey Engineering Co.; Atlantic Navigation Collieries; Childs and Sheffield; Colwood Pictures and Theatres; Hycolite Liquid Wall Paper Manfg. Co., Bolivia Concessions; Billie Collins; B.B Gramophone Co.; Erectors; Irving's Sea-Vitoids; Adey Radio; West European Trust; Alfred Young and Co.; Oravox; Northampton House Club. Not before 10.45: Timil Products; Central Indus. Securities, Oxford Glove Factory; A. and L. Weil; Shirleys (Neograph); De Forest Phonofilms; Charles Finegold; Aeroplane Automatic Devices; Frank Chapman and Sons. To confirm reduction of capital: Fevez Freres; Sungei Tiram Rubber Estate; Wiggins and Co. (Hammersmith). To sanction Scheme of Arrgt. Evos Doorways. Motion.—Glenny's Brewery. Adjd. Smnses.—City Equitable Fire Insurance Co. (appln. of A. J. Collins and Co. (pt. hd.); Buckingham Brick and Tile Co. (appln. of J. M. Willis—with witnesses).

COURT II (Luxmoore, J.).—In Court (as Chmbrs.).—At 10.30: Chmbr. Smnses.—A to D (Master Chitty).—With Counsel.—Re Doyle, dec. (Stephenson v. Doyle). Without Counsel.—Re Akre's Letters Patent. To follow A to D Divn.—E to K (Master Holland).—With Counsel. Re Earle, dec. (Wooldridge v. Earle; re Heilbronn, dec. (Cohen v. Heilbronn); re Hodgson, dec. (Hodgson v. Hodgson); re Hunter, dec. (Hunter v. Wilmot). Without Counsel).—Re Forsdike, dec. (Forsdike v. Forsdike); re Groves, dec. (McNair v. Liddell). To follow E to K Divn.—S to Z (Master Mosse).—With Counsel.—Re Stevenson, dec. (Stevenson v Stevenson); re Scott Sttlmt. Trusts (Scott v. Bowes-Lyon); Vale of Neath Dinas Fire Brick and Cement Co v. Amalgd. Dinas Silica Works; re Spiers, dec. (Thomson v. Albray). Without Counsel.—Re J. Withers, dec.; Sorbo Rubber Sponge Products v. Defries. To follow S to Z Divn.—L to R (Master Watkin Williams).—With Counsel.—Re F. E. Pearman, dec.; re John Oliver's Will Trusts; re Wm. Mitchell, dec.; re Pengilly's Sttld. Property. Without Counsel.—Read v Thomas.

LORD CHANCR'S COURT (Bennett, J.).—In Court (as Chmbrs.).—At 10.30: Chmbr. Smnses.—A to D (Master Ridsdale).—With Counsel.—Clarkson v. Sayers. To follow A to D Dvn.—E to K (Master Keen).—With Counsel.—Re Gordon-Duff, Infs. Without Counsel.—Re Emerson, dec. (Croasdell v. Denham); Godley v. Sykes. To follow E to K Dvn.—L to R (Master H. W. Jelf).—With Counsel.—Re Ranking, dec.; Posner v. Adler. Without Counsel.—Re Richings Park Estate (1928); London and Northern Estates Co. v. Davis. To follow L to R Dvn.—S to Z (Master Chandler).—With Counsel. Re Tweddle, dec. (Tweddle v. Barwise); re United Dairies (Wholesale), appln.; re Old Linhtorpe Brick Co. (McLaughlan v. the Co.). Without Counsel.—Re Thornton, dec. (Smith v. Edwards).

King's Bench Division.

COURT VIII. (Avory, J.).—At 10.30: Special Juries.—Flanders v. Eves and Wife (pt. hd.); Hazel v. Assocd. Newspapers (sttld.); Schorno v. Fischer and ors.; Posograph Gt. Britain Distributing Co. (voly. liq.) v. Hyndman and ors.; Spurgin v. Cliff and ors.

COURT VII. (Horridge, J.).—At 10.30: Special Juries.—Ford v. Clifford Hamilton (pt. hd.); D'Arcy v. Dandre and anr.

COURT IV. (McCardie, J.).—At 11: Non-Juries.—Falkiner v. Holiday; Sainsbury v. Lister; Wells v. Brit. Instructl. Films.

CRIM. APPEAL COURT (Branson, J.).—(Chmbrs. Judge).—Room 201, at 10.30: Sumns.—Re Smith—habeas corpus. In Court.—Not before 11: Non-Jury.—Hamilton, Mackay and Co. v. Russell (pt. hd.).

COURT IX. (Wright, J.).—At 10.45: Commercl. Smnses.—Attd. by Counsel.—General Asphalt Co. v. Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co.; Henrique Lage v. Simens Bros. Not Attd. by Counsel.—Safadi v. Western Association and Co.; Union Cold Storage Co. v. D. E. W. Gibb; French and ors. v. Port of Manchester Insce. Co. (2 smns.). Not before 11: Non-Juries.—Jackson v. Thomas and anr.; Klug v. Percy.

To Jurors.—Special Jurors for L.C.J.'s Court must attend K.B. Court VIII. at 10. Special Jurors for Court VII. must attend at 10. Common Jurors for Court II. need not attend until Tuesday.

Court of Criminal Appeal.

L.C.J.'S COURT (Swift, Acton, and Talbot, JJ.).—At 10.30: Applns.—Rex v. Sidney Freedman (314); v. Woolf Freedman (315); v. Oscar Beard (325); v. Robert Grant (334); v. Joseph Roland Mannifield (319); v. Sidney Ruddy (324); v. John Robert Davies (343); re Helen Motchaloff (291); v. William Inman (344); v. Bertram Triance (350). Final Appeals.—Rex v. William Lawrence Connell (220); v. Thomas Irvine (221); v. Michael Dennis Corrigan (309).

Official Referees.

COURT I. (Sir Francis Newbolt, K.C.).—At 10.30: Easton v. Thornton; Redhill Tile Co. v. Reynolds Builders. At 11: Poore and Son v. Diamant. COURT II. (Mr. G. A. Scott).—At 10.30: Marsh v. Ross. COURT III. (Sir William Hansell, K.C.).—At 10.30: Bach and Co. v. Gordon England.

Railway Rates Tribunal Court.

COURT "B" (Judge's Quad.) (Sir Walter Clode, K.C., Pres., Mr. W. A. Jepson, and Mr. G. C. Locket).—At 10.30: Applns. by Railway Cos.—re Classification and Owner's Risk (pt. hd.).

Probate, Divorce and Admiralty.

COURT III. (Bateson, J.).—At 10.30: Prob. and Div. Smnses.—Not before 12: Applications to make absolute decrees nisi in 33 causes. Prob. Motions.—Fairman, S. H., dec.; Schoenfels, S., dec.; Taylor L., dec.; Flood, A., dec.; Mahoney, orse Marney, R., dec.; Jones, E., dec.; Jameson, E., dec.; Ford, J. dec.; Gibb, S. H. M., dec.; Ore, J. A., dec. Prob. Actions.—Hyams v. Belder; Oldershaw and anr. v Wyld. Undefd. Div. Cause.—Gower v. Gower and Foster (pt. hd.).

COURT I. (Langton, J.).—At 10.30: Undefd. Div. Causes.—Rosberg v. Rosberg and Newman; Peacock v. Peacock and Moss; Love, F. B., v. Love, T.; Walker, E. F., v. Walker, C. S.; Sweet v. Sweet and Sweet; Hance, C. H. L., v. Hance, J. B.; Hull, K. O., v. Hull, F. T.; Brewster, I. A., v. Brewster, P.; Brader, v. Brader and Baker; Romeu, I., v. Romeu, R. J. C. B.; Boxer, V. M., v. Boxer, F. P.; Rawlingson v. Rawlingson and Tulloch; Tulloch, D., v. Tulloch, J. C.; Darling, R., v. Darling, H.; Langlois v. Langlois and Priest.

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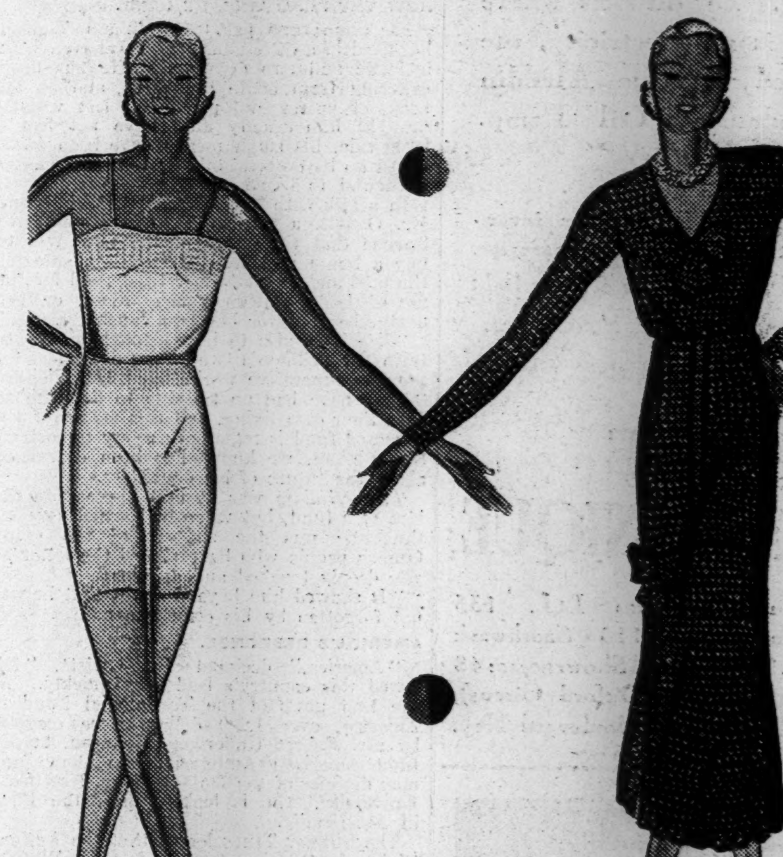

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SEQUEL TO A KISS OF SYMPATHY.

James Coffey, a clerk and ex-church warden, was sentenced at Bodmin Assizes yesterday to seven years' penal servitude and eighteen months' hard labour for obtaining money by menaces and by false pretences from the Rev. H. E. Dunn, Rector of Ruan Lanihorne, near Truro.

Coffey had been committed for trial from Truro upon charges of demanding with menaces from the Rev. H. E. Dunn, Rector of Ruan Lanihorne, near Truro, £100 on September 1, 1929; £300 on January 7, 1930; £200 on May 10, 1930; and other sums on intervening days, making a total of £1,606 with intent to steal. A further charge was of obtaining by false pretences from Mr. Dunn on January 7, 1930, the sum of £300.

Coffey, who was at one time people's warden at Mr. Dunn's church, was arrested in London. He pleaded not guilty to all the charges, and defended himself.

Mr. Pratt, opening for the Crown, said that the charge was more popularly known as blackmail. Coffey, it was alleged, obtained these sums from the Rev. Herbert Dunn by threatening to report to the Bishop that Mr. Dunn had been guilty of indiscretions with his (Coffey's) wife. The second threat was that these alleged indiscretions should be exposed and made public by the taking of legal proceedings against Mr. Dunn.

A MEANS FOR BLACKMAIL.

Coffey, said Mr. Pratt, went to live at Ruan Lanihorne in 1924. He made friends with the rector and his wife and became people's warden. In December of 1928 the incident occurred which was seized upon by Coffey as a means for blackmail. Coffey was ill, and Mr. Dunn went to see him. He saw Mrs. Coffey in a downstair room. She was very distressed and was crying, and as a friend and clergyman of the parish Mr. Dunn comforted her. He was a kindly and very simple man, and he placed his arm around Mrs. Coffey and kissed her. He had no thought of anything improper in his conduct.

Subsequently Coffey called on Mr. Dunn and complained. But he apparently remained friendly and continued to borrow sums of money. But this did not satisfy him. In September, 1929, Coffey told Mr. Dunn that unless he paid him money he would report him to the Bishop and take legal proceedings. Mr. Dunn very foolishly, not because he was guilty, but because he dreaded the thought of the charge even being made public, paid Coffey £100. That was the beginning of a whole series of demands.

Coffey invented a solicitor in London, a fictitious character, who was supposed to be carrying on the law proceedings. On one occasion £300 was paid to a supposed Mr. Chambers—the imaginary lawyer. More money was actually obtained by Coffey in order that an imaginary Mr. Major might buy up the practice of the imaginary Mr. Chambers. All this culminated in a meeting at the Red Lion Hotel at Truro. Coffey told Mr. Dunn that the supposed Mr. Major was there to see him. They went to the hotel. Coffey said that Mr. Major would not see Mr. Dunn, but must have £500 to settle the action. Finally Coffey again represented himself as coming to the help of Mr. Dunn. He said that he had induced Mr. Major to accept £400, and that he (Coffey) would pay half of that amount. Mr. Dunn paid him £200 and was given a receipt supposed to have been signed by "Mr. Major."

A NEW PLAN.

Then a new plan had to be devised, for Mr. Dunn still had a little money left. Coffey showed to him a cheque which he said had been paid to him out of a legacy from an aunt. It was for a sum of £1,153. Coffey said he had been going through the accounts and made out that he owed Mr. Dunn £853. He suggested that Mr. Dunn should give him £300. Mr. Dunn was not, however, to receive the cheque for £1,153, because Coffey was going to America and would pay him when he came back. It seemed astounding, but Coffey actually succeeded in obtaining £300 in that way.

The Rev. Hubert Dunn, giving evidence, said he had been rector of Ruan Lanihorne for seventeen years. Describing the incident at Coffey's house, he said: "Mr Coffey was ill and I went to visit him. In the house I saw Mrs. Coffey. She was very distressed. She had had a brain operation, and knew that she had to have another, and thought that she might die. I embraced her once, purely as an act of sympathy and with no impure thought at all."

Mr. Dunn then gave evidence bearing out counsel's statement, and told of repeated payments to Coffey in connection with the settlement of the case. He paid Coffey, for the lawyers, a total sum of £1,906. That was quite apart from £200 in private loans. He had received nothing back except £1 for the private loan

Coffey (cross-examining): If these sums had been going through the channels you thought, would you have been satisfied?—Yes.

Why?—I thought I was bound to pay these lawyers to prevent a trial.

You admit there were grounds for a trial?—No.

Were you satisfied these moneys were paid out to cover a breach of the moral code?—No. It was simply to pay the lawyers, who you said you had seen, and who were threatening legal proceedings.

What did they demand the money for?—To prevent a trial.

Of what?—I cannot say. I was innocent.

You admit you kissed my wife?—It was simply an act of sympathy.

A FALSE RECEIPT.

In a written statement Coffey alleged that his wife informed him that Mr. Dunn had forcibly held her and kissed her several times. He alleged that on an earlier occasion, after his wife had been to tea at the Rectory, she told him of the attitude of Mr. Dunn towards her. He went to see Mr. Dunn, told him exactly what he thought of him, and forbade him to see his wife again.

"I threatened to inform the Bishop," Coffey went on, "but he appealed to me on both knees to stay my hand, and offered me £100. This I foolishly accepted. Later I gave him to understand that I had decided to take the case to Court. He asked what would keep it out. I said I had advised a lawyer who could settle for £150."

Coffey gave evidence on oath. Mr. Dunn, he said, had in time of trouble proved his benefactor. In return he (Coffey) and his wife decided to forgive him for the most discreditable behaviour. Of his wife's visit to the Rectory, Coffey said of Mr. Dunn, "by his action he placed himself not only outside his cloth but outside civilisation."

Cross-examined, Coffey agreed that he invented the two lawyers in order to get money from Mr. Dunn, and that he told him an action was being brought against him.

TAKEN FOR REVENGE.

Coffey addressed the jury from the dock and declared that the charge should have been one of false pretences. "The money willingly came from him (Mr. Dunn) to me," he said. "I admit it was a scheme supported by lies, but that does not mean it was obtained by threats and menaces. I felt justified in taking the money for revenge. You have been told that the Rev. Dunn was a simple man. He is a clergyman and a

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POLICE RAID ON GAMBLERS.

200 MEN AT CROWN-AND-ANCHOR.

DETECTIVES IN GUISE OF NAVVIES'

A dinner-hour raid by policemen on a number of men suspected of gambling with crown-and-anchor boards was referred to yesterday at Westminster police-court.

The alleged gambling was said to nave taken place at Thames House, a building in course of erection on the riverside. There were in all twenty defendants, of whom twelve were charged with being on gambling premises. Eleven pleaded guilty and were bound over; the twelfth was found not guilty.

Eight others—Stanley Hitchen, Harry Jackson, John Turnmore, A. Fells, John Betts, Frederick Masters, Thomas Mills, William Church—were charged with keeping a gaming house, and were each fined £10, with £2 costs.

Mr. Melville, prosecuting for the police, said that the men were all employed at Thames House, 1,400 being engaged there altogether. A section of the building was used as a messroom in the workmen's dinner hour, and one part was partitioned off. All the defendants with the exception of Mills and Church, who carried on betting, had been in the habit of setting up crown-and-anchor boards during mealtimes. Altogether about 200 men were playing on the boards with various sums ranging from a penny to two shillings.

WIVES' COMPLAINTS.

"Large sums have been lost by the workmen," said Mr. Melville. "There is no doubt that a great deal of their wages went on these boards.

"There have been many complaints from the wives of some of these men. They get very little money brought home to them by their husbands, apparently as a result of it having been lost on crown-and-anchor."

The magistrate (Mr. Boyd) ordered the crown-and-anchor boards to be destroyed.

FOGBOUND AIR LINER.

LANDING AT LYMPNE.

So dense was the fog over the southern part of England yesterday that a big Imperial Airways air liner which left Croydon during the afternoon for Paris was compelled to land at Lympne aerodrome. The twelve passengers on board were taken on to Folkestone by road, and crossed to Boulogne by the afternoon boat.

The coffins containing the remains of Mr. A. C. James, of Bristol, the Imperial Airways engineer, and Mr. F. H. Mason, of Cheltenham, the mechanic of the City of Washington, who were killed in the crash of the machine near Neufchâtel on Thursday, arrived at Folkestone by the cross-Channel boat Maid of Orleans yesterday afternoon. They were brought on to London, and to-morrow will be conveyed to the homes of the respective relatives.

The men who were injured in the accident are making good progress.

The inquiry into the R101 disaster will be resumed to-morrow.

PRISON FOR D.C.M.

ABSCONDED WITH CASH FROM SAFE.

John Smith, a 55-year-old depot clerk, who was awarded the D.C.M. in 1915, pleaded guilty at West London Police Court yesterday to stealing £115 from his employers, the National Benzol Company, Limited, Stevenage Road, Fulham.

Det.-Sergeant Martin said Smith was asked on October 14 to account for certain discrepancies, and after an interview with the directors he returned to his office, took about £60 from the safe, and absconded. Smith was an ex-sergeant-major in the Royal Horse Artillery, and had an excellent Army record.

Mr. J. A. Morley, who appeared for Smith, said that this was a tragic position for a man of such excellent character. Smith enlisted in 1894, and served twenty-two years. He was awarded the D.C.M. for "sticking to his post on the field under heavy fire," and was badly wounded in the head. There was no doubt that betting and drink were the cause of his downfall. Mr. Powell remarked, "It always hurts me to punish a man with such an excellent record; but I have a public duty to do, and the least sentence I can pass is two months' imprisonment in the second division."

HOSPITAL COMPLAINT.

TREATMENT OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS.

Deptford Public Health Committee have received complaints from expectant mothers desiring admission to St. Alphege Hospital, which is now controlled by the London County Council.

The committee state that the complaint is that since the hospital was taken over by the London County Council the procedure with regard to the admission to the maternity wards has been altered, and, instead of being interviewed by a woman officer as hitherto, applicants are now required to apply to the relieving officer and to appear before a sub-committee which consists chiefly of men.

"Although, owing to the nature of the subject, it is impossible to deal in this report with the details of the complaints, we have satisfied ourselves," the committee say, "by means of reports from our officers, that the new arrangements compare very unfavourably with those previously in operation, so far as the feelings of the mothers are concerned."

They recommend the Borough Council to ask the County Council to make arrangements whereby all such applicants may be interviewed by a sub-committee of women, and that, instead of appearing before a male relieving officer, the inquiries which are at present made by the relieving officer should be made by a woman officer.

B.A. of Oxford. If his grounds of guilt were not sufficiently deep, why did he respond to my scheme?"

Summing up, Mr. Justice Finlay said that Mr. Dunn had sworn that nothing took place between him and Coffey's wife except an embrace which was paternal and sympathetic. Coffey said that the relations between them were entirely different and much more compromising in character. While they would hesitate long to suppose that Mr. Dunn had been guilty of anything more than he said, that was an immaterial consideration from the point of view of the crime. The gist of the offence was obtaining money by menace, which, in this case, was a threat of exposure. The £300 paid over by Mr. Dunn after being shown the cheque for £1,153 was obtained by singularly impudent false pretences. They might regret that a clergyman should have been so very simple as to be deceived, but the acid test was that he paid the money.

The jury, after a brief retirement, found Coffey guilty on all counts. The judge imposed a sentence of seven years' penal servitude on the blackmail charges. On the false pretences charge the sentence was eighteen months' hard labour, the sentences to run concurrently.

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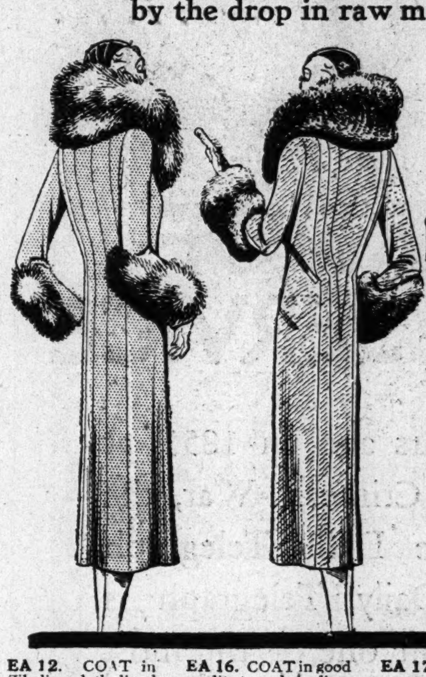

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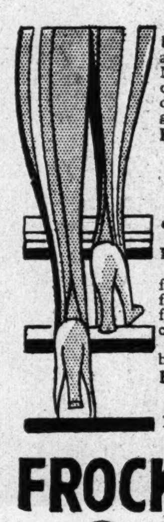

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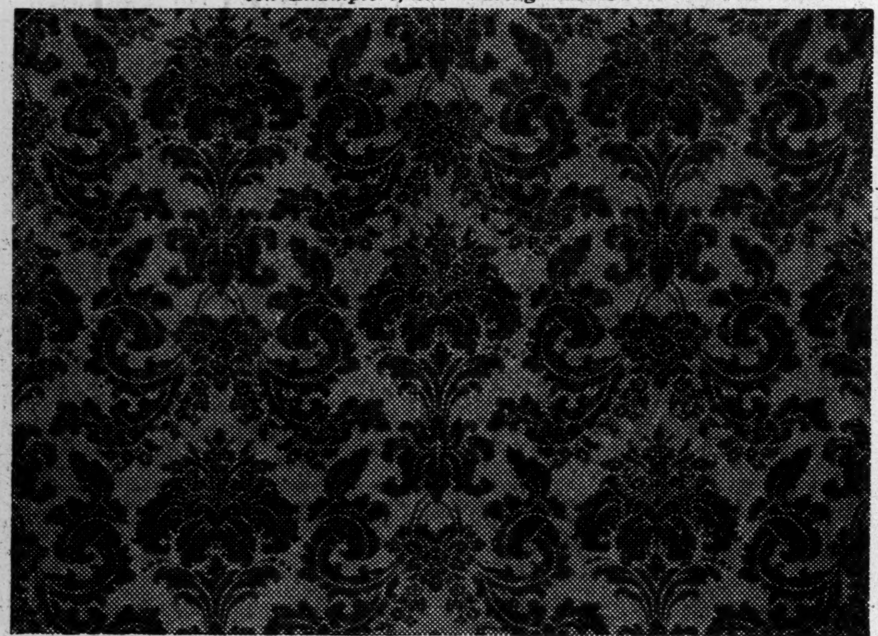

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THE UNIVERSITIES

OXFORD'S NEW THEATRE NEGOTIATIONS.

ICE RINK BANNED IN EVENINGS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

OXFORD, Saturday.

It was premature to announce Mr. J. B. Fagan's permanent retirement from Oxford. It is true that he will no longer make any attempt at the Oxford Playhouse as it stands at present on the Woodstock Road, but negotiations are well advanced for the purchase of a new site and the erection of a specially designed theatre. No definite news is forthcoming, but it is hoped that an announcement will be made in possibly three weeks' time.

[In the SUNDAY TIMES a fortnight ago Mr. Fagan stated that he hoped the new Repertory Theatre would be ready within a year.]

Meanwhile, the company under Sir Philip Ben Greet is making large strides into popularity in the old Playhouse. They have stuck to their policy of light entertainment, and Oxford has responded to it cheerfully. The houses grow bigger week by week, and the competent cast are working well and happily under the incentive of success. No more can be said than that they have exploited the Playhouse to its utmost limits, and nobody has expected that they would master their difficulties so well. Mr. Stanford Holme, the leading actor and producer, has changed his choice for next week from "The Unfair Sex" to "Caste." This week "Hay Fever" was admirably done and drew enthusiastic support.

The O.U.D.S. have made their choice of one-act plays for this term. This society gives every Michaelmas Term three performances on successive nights of plays written by members, but gives them privately in its club rooms. All four plays for this term are by Balliol authors—an odd coincidence, but no more than a coincidence.

ICE RINK RESTRICTIONS.

Consternation has been caused by an edict proceeding from the Vice-Chancellor and the Proctors stating that undergraduates will be allowed in the new ice rink only from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. It was expected that members of the University would be forbidden to attend in the morning, but the interdict on evening skating comes as rather a shock. The ice rink, which is in Botley Road, is to be opened on Friday by the Mayor of Oxford.

The Proctors, incidentally, have taken to visiting public-houses by car, and the "Isis" comments on this as "The Flying Squad." It is pleasing to see University officials moving with the times.

UGLY POSTER HOARDINGS.

Professor Gleadowe, in the first Slade lecture, prefaced his series on European painting by deploring the vanishing amenities of beauty. He repeated his old contention that "nothing short of drastic and comprehensive central control can hope to touch more than the fringe of the problem of reasonable development of town and country." He instanced the deplorable poster hoardings that deface Oxford very widely and with utter lack of consideration, and he pleaded strongly for the support of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England. It is certainly quite true that, while many hallowed spots are free from ugliness and noise, there is a great deal of Oxford that is completely ruined.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

The University Appointments Committee has co-opted as new members Sir Basil Blackett, Mr. John Bell (High Master of St. Paul's), Sir Francis Goodenough, and Dr. Kenneth Lee. It is almost impossible to over-estimate the help that this committee has given to many men or its generous and painstaking assiduity.

CAMBRIDGE.

BEAUTY OF THE BACKS UNIMPAIRED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Saturday.

The activities of the borough surveyor along the Backs are causing a good deal of controversy. Now that the widening of Queen's Road is nearly finished it is possible to sit back and examine what the critics have described as desecration. The impartial observer will feel that little damage appears to have been done. On the contrary the widening of the road which was inevitable appears to have been thoroughly, but not too thoroughly, carried out. Stone kerbs have been laid down, much to the indignation of certain rural enthusiasts, but they have been discreetly hidden by turf, while the planting of grass-seed and young trees to replace the turf and the few trees which had to be removed should placate the most rabid alarmist.

It is a pity, perhaps, that the charming little pond just opposite St. John's Avenue should now be obscured by a brick parapet. But it is not easy to envisage a bridge without some sort of parapet. Indeed, it is fortunate that the same suburban zeal which transformed much of the Cam to a canal and our parks and footpaths to a succession of birdcages has left the simplicity and beauty of the Backs unimpaired.

GUY FAWKES DAY WARNINGS.

Mr. L. J. Gamlin, president of the Union, was reported in a daily newspaper recently as saying that undergraduates here take life more seriously, and, indeed, tend to look on "ragging" with disfavour, first because they are becoming more sensible and secondly because of the "ridiculous behaviour of people in the provincial universities."

Organised rags, such as take place elsewhere, are not quite out of fashion here, as may be seen on Poppy Day. Moreover, with the approach of November 5, it remains to be seen whether Cambridge undergraduates are either as sensible or orderly as Mr. Gamlin makes out. At any rate it is to be hoped that proceedings on Market Hill on the "Fifth" will not take quite such an ugly character as last year. That the University authorities are amply prepared for emergencies is clear from the warnings already issued by several colleges.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Adam Smith Prize for an essay in economic science, valued at £40, has been awarded to Miss R. L. Cohen, B.A., Newnham College.

Harmsworth Law Scholarships of £200 a year, tenable for three years, have been gained by I. L. Lewis, B.A., St. John's College, and H. P. J. Milmo, B.A., Trinity College.

DEGREES.

At a congregation held in the Senate House to-day the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. A. B. Ramsey, Master of Magdalene, conferred the following degrees:—

Doctor of Philosophy.—(by proxy), Thomas Archibald Bennet Clark, Trinity.

Masters of Arts.—(by proxy), William Risdon Littleton, Corpus Christi; (in person) Arthur Comyn Happel, King's; Robert John Formby Burrows, Trinity; Frederic James Edward Raby, Trinity; Geoffrey Alfred Cole, John Harry Dunnicliff, John's; John Edward Blakeney, Peterhouse; Hubert Greenwood, Peterhouse; Godfrey James Gross, Clare; William Rodney Forrester Wood, Gonville and Caius; William Ewart Prickett, Trinity Hall; Ralph Mitford Marriott Barlow, Corpus Christi; Norman Tomlinson, Jesus; James Peter Philip Clarke, Christ's; Robert Henry Angus, Sidney Sussex; Leonard Arthur Toone, Sidney Sussex; Charles Edmund Youngman, Sidney Sussex; Philip William Bates, Selwyn.

Bachelors of Medicine and Surgery.—(In person) John Harley Gibbens, King's; Godfrey James Gross Clare; William Rodney Forrester Wood, Gonville and Caius.

Bachelor of Medicine.—(In person) Henry Jonathan Heathcote, Pembroke.

Bachelors of Arts.—(In person) Michael Edward McCormick, John's; Jocelyn Easton Gibb, Pembroke; James Hamilton Stevenson, Trinity Hall.

BLOOMSBURY SITE.

BEGINNING OF BIG SCHEME.

FIRST SOD CUT.

TWO ROADS BEING CLOSED.

By OUR LONDON UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENT.

The move to Bloomsbury has actually begun. The first sod was cut a few days ago, and workmen are already engaged in widening Malet Street.

The explanation of this as a first step to the development of the Bloomsbury site is that the site as bought by the University from the Duke of Bedford was cut by roads from north to south and east to west; that is to say, by Keppel Street from east to west and by Torrington Square and British Museum Avenue from north to south. By the co-operation of the London County Council, which obtained last year statutory powers for the closing of both of these roads, the University will be able to plan their buildings on an island site of about ten acres.

The condition was made that the University should give up some land on the south to widen Montague Place between the University site and the British Museum, and on the west to widen Malet Street. It is for this purpose that operations have been begun. They involve setting back the frontage of the Institute of Historical Research and the Students' Union.

It is encouraging to be able to see and hear a beginning to the great Bloomsbury scheme. At University headquarters the officials are understood to be up to the eyes in the work of deciding not only what are the scope and requirements of the institutions to be erected, but also how a worthy architectural scheme can best be secured.

CAREERS FOR GRADUATES.

King's College have had crowded audiences at the first four of their series of public lectures on Professions and Careers. They have gathered into the course representatives of the Church, medicine, law, literature, the stage, business, banking and scientific industry. Mr. Hugh Walpole represented literature last week. Such a course would be bound to arouse the interest of many people. The question which every University student is asking himself, and also his parents, is what is to come after the University. Many parents, even of those whose children could be classed without hesitation as the type to benefit by a University training, are loth to provide it because at the outset there can be no clear answer to the question of where it is leading to.

Such courses as this at King's may just give to the undergraduate the insight into this or that vocation which will bring him to understand his own particular need and likelihood of success.

GIRTON COLLEGE.

PROGRESS OF EXTENSION APPEAL.

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. Baldwin, Chancellor of Oxford University and a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, likes reading out figures. At least, so it seemed on Friday night when he read out a succession of amounts from £5 to £2,000 subscribed during the progress of a dinner held to forward the appeal for £75,000 for the extension of Girton College, Cambridge. Over £11,000 was subscribed on the spot, which makes the amount already raised over £41,000.

Mr. Baldwin announced each amount in fine and resonant voice after he had delivered one of those happy speeches at which he is always successful when he has a non-political theme to handle. Only once did he indulge in the slightest reference to recent events. This was when he remarked, amid laughter, that a few days ago it had looked as though he might become an Emeritus Professor of Political Science.

Paying a warm tribute to the pioneer colleges in the education of women, Mr. Baldwin pointed out that these newer foundations had not the benefit of large endowments like the men's colleges. "Our millionaires," he said, "have never appreciated what they might do in the way of endowments to women's colleges that would put away from those who control them all anxiety for the future, and would equip them as they ought to be equipped to make them habitable not only for those in them to-day but to make more room for the crowds that are clamouring at the gates."

This reminder that many applicants for admission to the college have to be refused every year was emphasised by other speakers who included the Mistress of Girton (Miss Edith Major), Lord Howard of Penrith, Miss K. Jex-Blake (Mistress of Girton 1916-22), Sir John Withers, M.P., the Marquess of Crewe, and Lady Henley.

The college was opened in 1869 in a small house with only five students. Over 2,000 students have passed through it, and there have been no additions to the buildings for twenty-seven years. It is hoped as a result of the present appeal to add about thirty students' rooms, some lecture-rooms, and a library. The organising secretary of the appeal is Miss S. Campbell, 2, Brick Court, Temple, E.C.4.

FESTIVAL THEATRE, CAMBRIDGE.

A PLAY BY ANDREYEV.

There is much in "The Thought," by Leonid Andreyev which is reminiscent of Strindberg's "Father," but in the version which was produced at the Cambridge Festival Theatre during the past week the central theme was somewhat obscured. The play wavered between melodrama, comedy, and the study of a strange mind.

Kerjentzeff, who specialises in mental alienation, assumes the symptoms of madness and murders Saveloff, who has married the woman whom he, Kerjentzeff, loves. By so doing he means to test the power of his intellect. But after the deed has been done he is haunted by a sinister doubt: Is he pretending to be mad because he has killed Saveloff, or has he killed Saveloff because he is mad?

In his cell an illiterate motherly nurse almost convinces the unhappy man that he is sane. Then the widow Saveloff calls to ask his forgiveness. Is she not the cause of his illness? Illness? What illness? He is sane and can prove it. Will she not judge who has known him so long? "You're mad," she cries, and flees. Then he really is mad.

This scene, magnificently played by Mr. David Horne and Miss Flora Robson, was the climax of a successful production. The settings harmonised with the words and Mr. Horne's stirring performance will be gratefully remembered, although he was ill-advised, perhaps, to end on a note of melodrama. Mr. Roy Malcolm gave a brilliant study of the irritating Saveloff. J. D. U.

HUNTING FIELD MISHAP.

Miss Norah Beeby, younger daughter of Mr. Harry Beeby, of Melton Mowbray, received a broken ankle as the result of a fall while hunting with the Quorn Hounds yesterday. Her horse trod in a rabbit-hole.

PETER ROBINSON

The Fashion for Velvet

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This view is expressed in the "Business Barometer" for the fourth quarter which has been issued by the Federation of British Industries.

"It seems almost certain," it is stated, "that some of the more persistent and long term causes of our industrial ills are at long last about to undergo a permanent change for the better.

"Already, despite any appreciable signs of a greater willingness to co-operate among the gold-using central banks of issue, the international gold situation is perceptibly easier and the world credit situation less rigid. Short term money rates in the principal centres (with the exception of Berlin) are at their lowest level since the war, and show signs of remaining there for some time to come. In addition, judged by the results of certain recent capital issues in this country and the U.S.A., long term interest rates are beginning to move in the same direction, though they still have a long way to go before the price of capital is down to the level required to restore the balance between investment and saving. Similarly, the pressure of borrowing on account of both international indebtedness and distressed industrial borrowers is beginning to relax.

"The disastrous collapse in American business and commerce may hasten the day when that country will come to realise that an economic policy of 'splendid isolation' is not consistent with her own interests in a modern internationalised world."

WIFE ACCUSED OF MURDER.

POSTMAN STABBED TO THE HEART.

Dorothy Hilda Narbett, 29, was remanded until Monday at Llangadock (East Carmarthenshire) Police Court yesterday, charged with the murder of her husband, Oswald Narbett, a rural postman, who died outside his cottage from a stab in the heart.

Mr. G. Porter, for the prosecution, said that when two visitors called at Narbett's cottage on Sunday, October 12, the couple, with their two children, seemed quite happy. When one of them, a man named Jones, had just left, he heard a scream, saw Narbett's little girl running after him, and returned to find Narbett stabbed in the heart and dying on a piece of grass in front of the house.

Mrs. Narbett told neighbours that she was hurrying out of the doorway with a knife in her hand when she met her husband entering and accidentally stabbed him.

Mr. T. H. Powell, coroner for East Carmarthenshire, said that Mrs. Narbett, in evidence at the inquest on her husband, stated that she had been married ten years and that her married life was very happy. Mrs. Narbett also stated, "No cross word, dispute or quarrel, had taken place between us for two years."

Dr. William Thomson Lawson, of Llangadock, said that it was possible that the heart wound, which was one and a half inches to two inches deep, might have been caused as described by Mrs. Narbett.

Mr. Porter: Is it more consistent with an accidental collision of an intentional blow?—Dr. Lawson: I should say more consistent with direct violence, but I am bound to admit the possibility of accident.

JEWELS OF EMPIRE.

LIVING NECKLACE AT A BALL.

The idea of "living jewellery" has become so popular that the "Jewels of the Empire" Pageant at the Park Lane Hotel on November 26 has grown from a demonstration of a few precious stones to what will be a glowing necklace of all the stones and settings that go to the composition of jewellery.

New figures have been added to link the jewels together, Mrs. Claude Leigh is to represent Gold in a classical dress of cloth of gold, with golden crown and authentic gold jewellery of the period. Mrs. Charles Cartwright is to represent Jet in a dress entirely of glittering black, with an Egyptian headdress.

Lady Diana Cooper will lead the diamond group in a dress of black velvet, and others taking part in these groups are:—Topaz: Lady Cynthia Asquith, Countess of Darnley, Mrs. Aspinall-Oglander, Mrs. Harold Taylor; Jade: the Hon. Mrs. Henry Mond, Miss Joan Buckmaster, Miss Patricia Robertson, Mrs. McCorquodale, Miss Marjorie Leigh, Miss Rosemary Cohen, Lady Diana Gibb; Opal: Miss Diane Chamberlain, Miss Betty Manners; the Hon. Angela Greenwood; Turquoise: Lady Lever, Mrs. Carl Bendix, Miss Sonia Converse, Lady Sibell Lygon, Miss Margaret Whigham, the Hon. Diana Fellowes; Amethyst: Kathleen Countess of Drogheda, Mrs. Edward Joicey; Coral: Lady Mainwaring, Lady Patricia Moore, Lady Bridget Poulett, Mrs. Pike.

WALL BLOWN DOWN.

FOUR PEOPLE HURT IN GAS EXPLOSION.

Four people were injured by a gas explosion which occurred yesterday in a house in Goldsmith Street, Norwich.

The injured were an aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. George Dawes, occupiers of the house, and two gas company employees named Gooch and Conner. All four were taken to hospital and treated.

The gas men were effecting repairs inside the house when the explosion occurred. The front wall of the house and a partition wall were blown down.

Mr. Dawes, who is an invalid, was in bed downstairs, and had a narrow escape. He was rescued by one of the gas company's men.

"JAY-WALKERS."

TRAPPING THE CARELESS PARIS PEDESTRIAN.

PARIS, Saturday.

Determined to carry through their campaign against "jay-walking" in the Paris streets, the police authorities have directed plain clothes men to various points to catch pedestrians who do not cross by the special passages indicated by rows of studs in the roadway.

To the protests of a municipal councillor, the Prefect replies that pedestrians only obey the regulations when they see a uniformed officer on duty.—Reuter.

THE DEFENCE OF LONDON.

A new drill hall—headquarters of the 312th Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Company, R.E.—was opened at Upminster (Essex) yesterday by Lord Marley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War.

"London is the greatest port in the Empire," Lord Marley said. "Most of our supplies come through the Port of London, and, as a consequence, it is a great temptation for anyone who wants to attack this country to attack it through the Port of London. It is for the defence of the Port that this unit exists."

POSTER WAR IN BYE-ELECTION.

UNIONIST PLACARDS DEFACED.

SAFEGUARDING THE MAIN ISSUE.

SHIPLEY CONTEST.

Candidates:—
Mr. J. H. Lockwood (Con.).
Alderman W. A. Robinson (Lab.).
Mr. A. Davy (Lib.).
Mr. W. Gallacher (Communist).
Polling, Nov. 6; Declaration, Nov. 7.

A poster war has broken out in the Shipley bye-election. Yesterday an incident occurred which promises to bring a touch of liveliness to a campaign which so far has set up new records for peace and quiet.

The first shots were fired in the early hours of yesterday morning. Mr. S. H. Servent, the chief Conservative agent for the division, was leaving his committee rooms about one a.m. when he found a huge placard outside bearing the words "Lockwood will tax your food." As Mr. Lockwood has repeatedly said that he is a stern opponent of food taxes, Mr. Servent investigated. He found that the poster was the official Conservative issue, but that the word "not" had been skilfully obliterated with gummed paper.

"To deface election posters in that way," he said, "is an offence against the law."

MINIATURE NEWSPAPERS.

Nor are Conservatives the only sufferers. Many supporters of Mr. Davy have placed Liberal placards outside their houses, and scores of these were defaced or torn down during the night. It is understood that supporters of the candidates are considering setting watches for the culprits.

Each party is carrying war into the enemies' camps by means of miniature newspapers. Mr. Davy has "The Millgate Mail" and the "Shipley Election News." The Conservative candidate explains his views in the columns of "Lockwood's Election News," and Mr. Gallacher counters with a typed sheet, "The Workers' Election News, Shipley Mills Edition."

Alderman Robinson is fully alive to the possibility of Mr. Gallacher taking some Labour votes, although a Labour official stated: "We are quite satisfied with our canvass. The textile trade unions are supporting us splendidly."

THE YOUNGEST VOTER.

Mr. Davy and Mr. Lockwood continue to fight the question of Free Trade versus Safeguarding, and it is this issue which will probably decide the election. The great majority of the 8,000 unemployed in the area are wool textile operatives, and it is they who will decide which, if either, of the two systems will set the hundreds of idle looms humming again.

The youngest "voter" in the division is Master Harold Metcalfe, aged 6, and it is a curious coincidence that he lives next door to Mr. Ben Pickard, aged 94, who is probably the oldest voter in Shipley. Arthur Brown, aged 11, has also been inadvertently placed on the voters' register, and he has been receiving election literature from the candidates. The authorities will, of course, see that the boys do not utilise their votes on November 6.

EAST RENFREW.

BOXING MARQUIS MAY STAND.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

RENFREW, Saturday.

The Liberals having decided not to enter a candidate, an exciting duel between the Unionists and the Socialists, with the Nationalists making an initial trial of strength, is expected in a constituency that will show them small gratitude for their pains. Only the Socialists are disappointed by the Liberal decision, since a Liberal nominee, judging from previous contests in the division, would have given them ground for confidence.

The Nationalist candidate is Mr. W. Oliver Brown, a master in Allan Glen School, Glasgow.

In their plight, the Socialists are for the moment uncertain about their choice of a candidate. A meeting is to be held to-morrow to consider names put forward by the local branches. The two favourites are the Rev. J. M. Munro (who contested the seat at the last election, and who is a brother-in-law of Mr. James Maxton, M.P.) and a Glasgow Councillor named Mr. James Carmichael. The name of Miss Maxton, who is a sister of Mr. James Maxton and resides in the constituency, has also been mentioned, but it is now apparently doubtful if her name will go before the executive. It is understood that the door is being left open for a possible recommendation by headquarters of Mr. J. C. Watson, K.C., Solicitor-General for Scotland.

The Selection Committee of the Renfrewshire Unionist Association has invited the Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale, familiarly known in Scotland as "The Boxing Marquis," to contest the seat. The executive do not meet until Monday night, but the secret was too good to keep, and its disclosure has caused the utmost satisfaction in the constituency.

It is believed by those competent to form an opinion that he would have no difficulty in holding East Renfrewshire for the Union Party.

L.C.C. APPOINTMENTS.

FAMILY RELATION AS A BAR.

Pointing out that from time to time applicants for an appointment on the staff of the Council may be related to a member of the responsible committee, the General Purposes Committee of the L.C.C. recommend to the Council that no member of that Council or of any committee or sub-committee shall attend any meeting during the consideration of an application by any person with whom he has family relations.

They also recommend the Council to prohibit the manager of a hospital, mental hospital, school or any other institution of the Council from serving on a committee so long as any relation exists between that person and an employee at the institution.

Another recommendation is that no ex-officer of the Council shall be eligible to serve on a committee responsible for the institution at which he was employed under the Council.

OBERAMMERGAU ACTORS PAID.

BERLIN, Saturday.

The performers and others associated with the production of the Oberammergau Passion Play have now received their share of the profits.

J. G. Lang, who directed the production, received £400, and Diemer, who controlled the chorus, £350. The two men who filled the main rôle and the rôle of Caiphas each got £275. The tenor-soloist was paid £210, the members of the crowd each from £65 to £125, and each child £15.

There were in all eighty performances.—Exchange.

A NEW MAID OR MANSERVANT?—The help you require may be found in the Situations Bureau columns of the SUNDAY TIMES, or obtainable by advertising for it. The rate is 1s. a line. See page 31.

B.B.C.'s PROFITS.

£1,000,000 FOR A NATIONAL THEATRE.

SUGGESTION BY MR. GRANVILLE-BARKER.

The suggestion that a portion of the profits now made by the B.B.C. should be allotted by the Government for the purpose of establishing a national theatre was made by Mr. Harley Granville-Barker, speaking at the annual conference of the British Drama League at Exeter yesterday.

He added that such a grant from the B.B.C. funds might be allotted by the Government to be used, first, as a credit for the establishment of a national theatre, and then after, as it might be needed, as a sufficient yearly endowment for its support.

"I think there is much to be said in favour of such a scheme. A credit of about £1,000,000 would be needed to meet the cost of a national theatre, but I do not think it practicable to raise a credit to that amount by private subscriptions. I think that, in some form or another, we must use public money, and I want official approval for the scheme. Yet I do not see any Chancellor of the Exchequer of our time nakedly putting down in his budget £1,000,000 for a national theatre.

SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS.

"The B.B.C. money is in a slightly different category. It is in the nature of a profit made by a corporation working under Government monopoly, and it is earned partly by exploiting the arts of the drama and music. It would be appropriate, naturally, that money earned in such a way should be used in support of the arts. There, at any rate, is a means of finance for a national theatre. At the moment, however, that is not practicable, but I do not see why all three political parties might not be asked to agree upon that scheme in principle here and now.

"There is ample precedent for allocating money earned in a particular way for a particular purpose. There is, for instance, the Road Fund. As soon as a Chancellor of the Exchequer is able to turn round and take breath, I think those B.B.C. profits might be earmarked for the support of the fine arts, and especially for those of music and the drama. The best means of assuring such a step being taken is to educate public opinion."

Mr. Alec L. Rea asked why a poor person who contributed his 10s. a year for his wireless set should be robbed for a national theatre? The Road Fund was raised for the benefit of people who used the roads. The B.B.C. funds should be used for benefiting people who used the wireless.

HEROES WANTED.

Mr. St. John Ervine, speaking at a dinner last night, said that the development which the theatre had been waiting for too long was the return of the hero on the stage. He wanted to see on the stage again men who could stand up to life. Until they had the hero once more in drama, the theatre would continue in the state in which it now was.

"There are a certain number of plays today," said Mr. Ervine, "which are peopled by people who are entirely contemptible."

"You find wherever you go to-day—generally in the cinemas—that you are offered for your entertainment the spectacle of people continuously overeating themselves, indulging in every kind of luxury, and generally setting an example which, if we followed it, would bring the whole human race to ruin.

"We have to-day got an audience which does not know what is good for it and which does not know what is good acting. Go to a first night in London, and you will see young women shrieking their insides out at performances which would be a disgrace to a village hall."

YESTERDAY'S MUSIC.

RECITALS BY ORLOFF AND RUBINSTEIN.

Piano recitals were given at the Queen's Hall by Arthur Rubinstein, and at the Wigmore Hall by Nicolas Orloff. Orloff's characteristic, as an interpreter, is a sincerity that has every appearance of ingenuousness.

There was thought, and a sufficiency of feeling behind the Franck Prelude, fugue and variation, in B minor, with which he began. He gave rein, here and throughout the recital, to his strong feeling for colour—which, however, never transcends the scope that seems proper to the pianoforte—and its application here was particularly rich.

Apart from the fact that it took him a few bars to establish the rhythm at the beginnings both of prelude and fugue, and a suspicion of lack of synchronisation between the two hands, the technique was flawless. This sober work, therefore, made its impression.

It was an impression that seemed to colour what was to come. Weber's brilliant little Rondo in E flat brought that kind of smile that comes when we revisit the nursery of our childhood, and perhaps, for fun, bestride the ancient rocking-horse. But with the Brahms' Sonata in F minor—played more often than enough, of late weeks—we were back in a very serious atmosphere.

This, too, was fully charged with colour, but lost some of its vigour by being taken, as a whole, too deliberately. Chopin, Debussy and Scriabin pieces were to complete his scheme.

QUEEN'S HALL.

Rubinstein had reached the fugue that ends the Handel-Brahms variations before I could arrive. The atmosphere was quite electric. He long ago accustomed us to his bent for thinking on a symphonic scale; and one is bound to admit that the modern piano is largely capable of responding to the concomitant demands he makes upon it, demands which always seem to stop just short of the impossible. He took this fugue at a great pace and with a brilliancy that few keyboard artists could excel.

Chopin's Barcarolle and other pieces are not at first sight the most suitable material for magnification. But time and again when one was on the brink of revolt against some display of dynamic energy, the pianist would do something that convinced one that he really does understand this composer. The Polonaise in F sharp minor was given a character that seemed to reveal fresh fibres of vitality in it.

There had been intervals of several minutes between groups already, and when, after 4.30, a board was displayed announcing the interval proper, I had reluctantly to forego the pleasure of hearing the three new Mazurkas of Gradstein, and the piano version of Stravinsky's "Petrouchka"; dedicated to him, which I remember to be one of his most brilliantly clever feats of pianism and musicianship.

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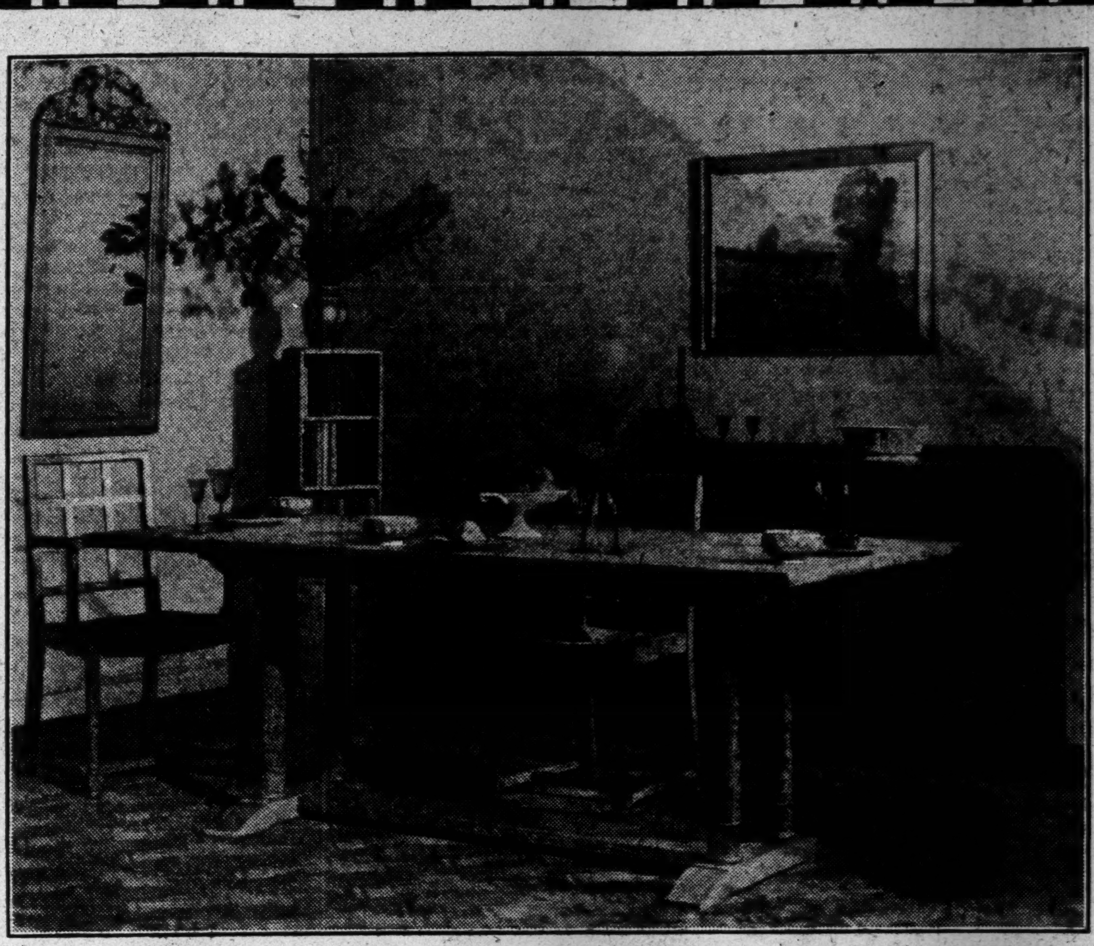
"Economy Week" begins at Dickins and Jones, Regent Street, W., to-morrow. The special catalogue issued reveals a large number of bargains in women's wear of all kinds.



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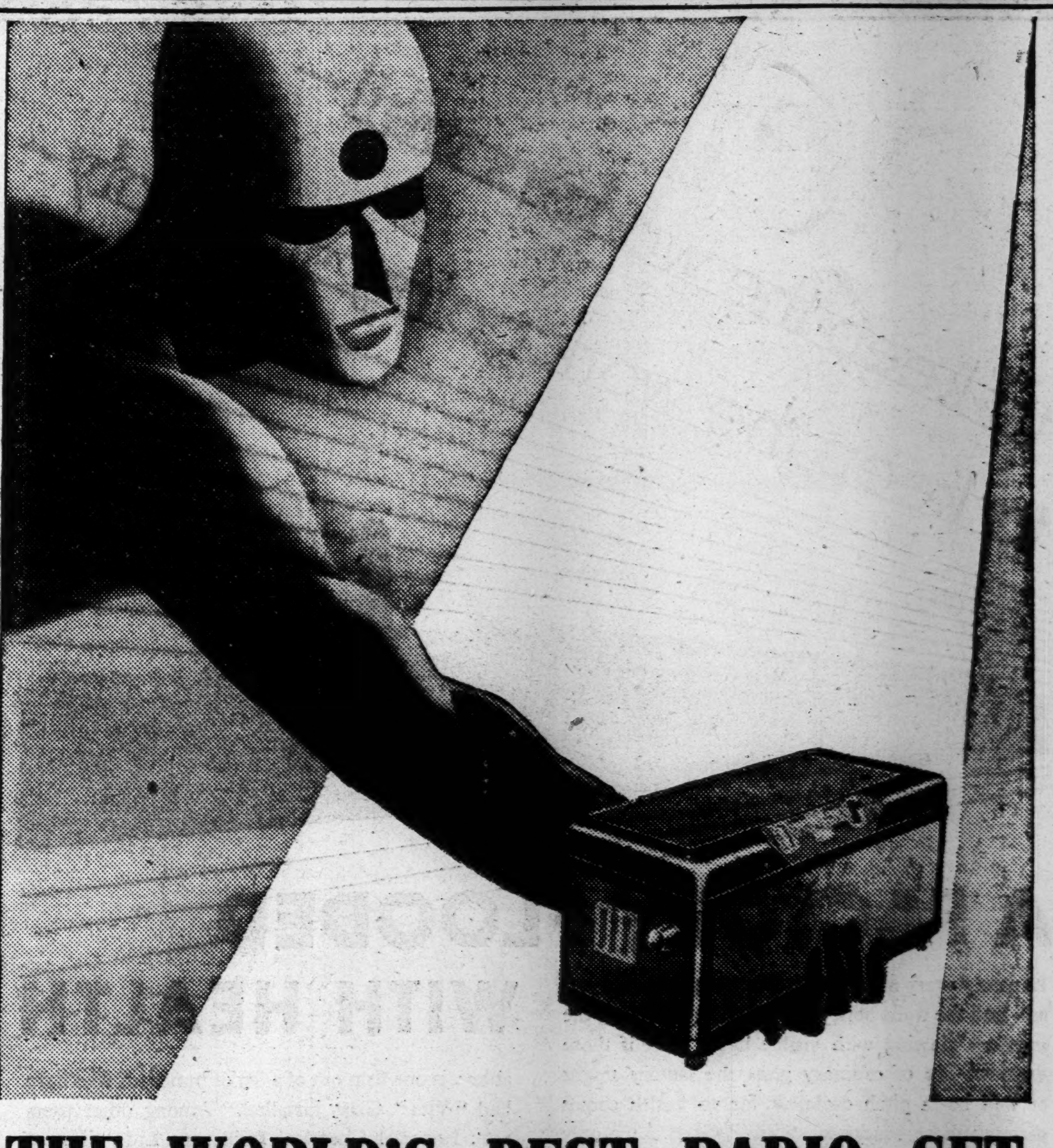

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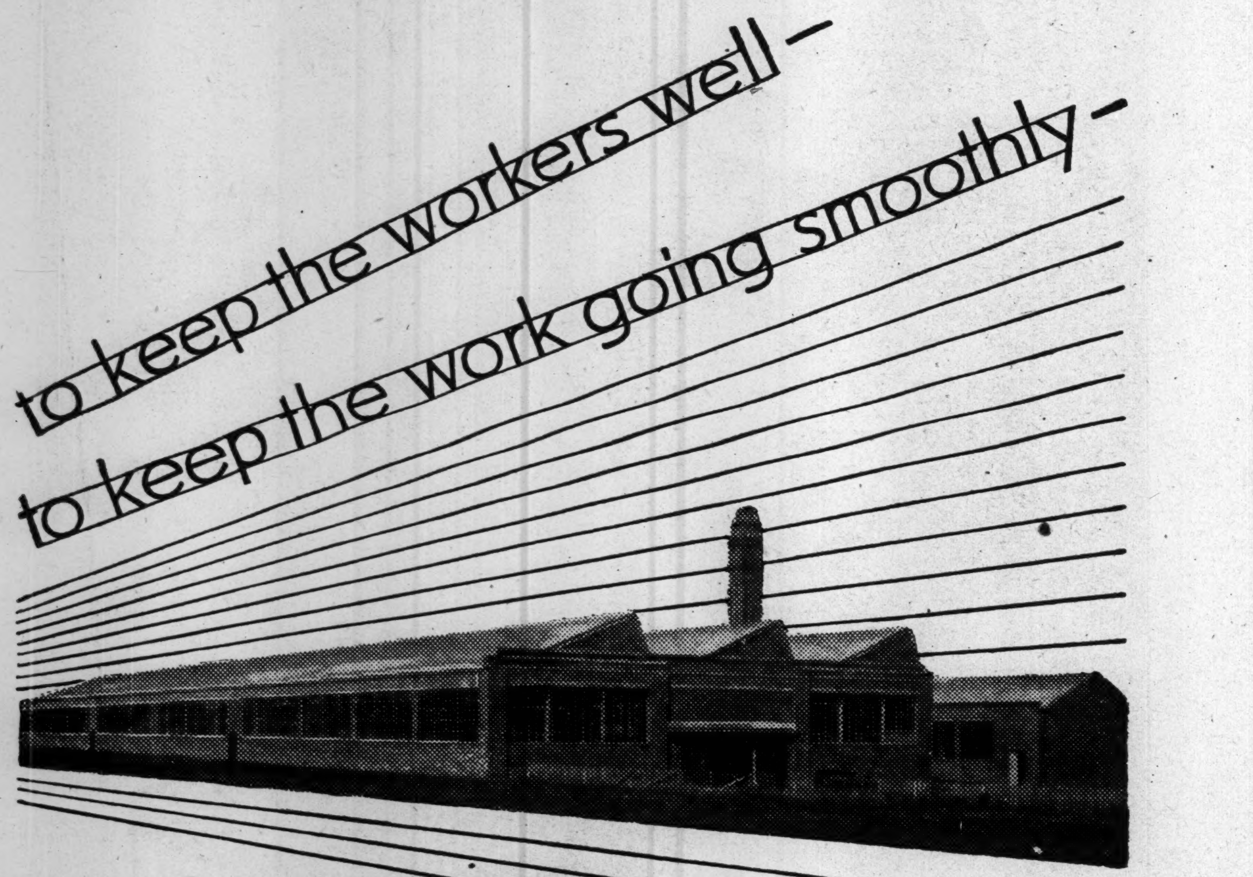

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MANY ARRESTS IN BENGAL.

CHECKING TERRORISM.

CONGRESS CAMPS RAIDED.

MOCK TRIAL SCENE AT BOMBAY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BOMBAY, Saturday.

Calcutta police to-day arrested about 100 volunteers following raids on several Congress camps at Howrah and other places. In one instance mentioned a village was surrounded.

Another fifty volunteers were arrested at Alambazaar, following a raid on the Congress camp. Numbers of books, papers and personal belongings were seized. This drive is believed to have been made in connection with East Bengal Terrorist activities.

There was a "scene" in Bombay Court to-day, when a spectator, awaiting the beginning of the trial of a seditionist named Rajah, rushed to the dais. In the absence of the magistrate he went through a mock trial, acquitting the prisoner. His escapade ended in his arrest.

Rajah, who is the founder of the People's Battalion, was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment. The magistrate said his speeches were nothing but vulgar abuse of the Government of India, and that his references to non-violence were mere lip-service. The whole tenour of his speech was nothing but revolt and war.

BY CAR ACROSS THE DESERT.

DISCOVERY OF OLD CAMEL ROUTE.

CAIRO, Saturday.

A party led by Major Ralph Bagnold, which set out in three touring cars from Cairo on October 13, travelling westwards from Ain-id-Dailo, has got right across the difficult dune country to the rolling sands on the other side, and from there, travelling southward, picked up the Kufra-Farafra camel route, which has now been located for the first time.

The party intends returning to the south-west, along the Kufra route, and then south to Owenat. From Owenat they will proceed to Selima and to Halfa.—Reuter.

[Major Bagnold has set out to find Zerzura, the lost "oasis of the Blacks," which for centuries has been known to exist, owing to the presence in the Libyan Desert of jackals and other animals which cannot live without water. The site of the oasis has long been a matter of discussion. The oasis of Kufra, in the heart of the Libyan Desert, was, until comparatively recent time, as unknown and unvisited as the Forbidden City of Tibet. It was the headquarters of the Senussi, a fierce Mohammedan sect, who maintained an isolated seclusion that very few travellers ever succeeded in breaking. Their defeat at the hands of the French and Italians during and after the Great War has helped to open up those parts of the desert where they held undisputed sway, but travel is always attended with discomfort and a certain element of danger from natural causes, even if the Arab menace has faded into the background.]

IRISH MAIL TRAGEDY.

MYSTERY OF DRIVER'S DEATH.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

HOLYHEAD, Saturday.

The death of Alfred Green, the Irish mail driver who was killed on a journey from Euston to Holyhead on Tuesday, was inquired into by the Anglesey coroner to-day.

The fireman, Hugh Williams, of Holyhead, stated that the driver, when they left Euston, was in perfect health. After passing through the tubular bridge he discovered his mate lying in the tender unconscious.

The Deputy Chief Constable: Can you give any reason why he should have gone to where you found him?—No, none at all. He never told me anything.

Without retiring, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

ROMANCE FOLLOWS AIR TRAGEDY.

MRS. HOOK MARRIED.

Mrs. Dorothy Victor Hook, widow of Flight-Lieutenant Eric Hook, who lost his life in the jungle in Burma last July while flying from England to Australia with Mr James Matthews, was married yesterday at Llandudno to Mr. R. F. Hopper, of St. Albans.

"I know I am doing the right thing, and that my late husband would approve," Mrs. Hook said when the news of her engagement was announced in September.

"I was faced with the necessity of sending my two little girls into a home, and I could not bear the idea. They will now have a home of their own. I shall also be a mother to Mr. Hopper's three boys, one of whom is young enough to be a playmate for my little girls."

Mr. Hopper, who is a retired dentist, lost his wife about the time Mr. Hook was killed. He wrote a letter of condolence to Mrs. Hook, and later was introduced to her by a friend. It was not long before they decided to marry.

While they were house hunting at Llandudno, Mr. Hopper's motor-car w s overturned, and Mrs. Hook and her two children were thrown out. Fortunately they escaped injury.

After Mr. Hook's body was found, a fund raised by the Rev. C. J. Barry, of West Wickham, Kent, where Mrs. Hook was living, realised nearly £1,700. The whole has been invested for the benefit of the children.

50 YEARS IN PRISON.

A man named Henry Field who was charged at Marlborough Street Police Court yesterday with begging, was stated to have innumerable convictions, and to have spent fifty years in prison. This being his first begging offence, he was discharged.

THEFTS FROM DEVONSHIRE CLUB

Sentence of three months' imprisonment was passed at Marlborough Street Police Court yesterday on Bertie Fish (36), a night porter, who pleaded guilty to stealing £197 in bank notes and cash from a safe in the Devonshire Club, St. James' St., S.W. For stealing £10 from the hall porter, Fish received another three months' imprisonment, the sentences to run consecutively.

Det.-Sergt. Owen said when the cash-box and the money were taken suspicion fell on all the members of the staff. Fish, they alleged, staged a fake burglary and an assault to throw everybody off the scent.

ENGLISH GIRLS' ADVENTURE.

SHORT-NOTICE FLIGHT IN ATLANTIC 'PLANE.

TRIP TO BERLIN.

BERLIN, Saturday.

Miss Maisie Proctor, daughter of the vicar of St. Thomas's, Ryde, Isle of Wight, and Miss Vivian Stayner, also of Ryde, who is employed as a mannequin in a Regent Street establishment, landed last night from the Transatlantic aeroplane Columbia.

They came to Berlin on the spur of the moment, accepting the invitation of the organisers of the flight to make the trip at two o'clock in the morning, and leaving Croydon eight hours later.

Miss Stayner left without the knowledge of her mother or of her employers, and advised them of her departure by telegram from Amsterdam. Miss Proctor, who has been working at Shanklin and at Croydon aerodrome to obtain an air pilot and ground engineer's certificate, decided that the chance of flying with the two Transatlantic airmen was an experience not to be missed, and persuaded Miss Stayner to join her in the adventure.

Both girls arrived in Berlin with practically nothing but the clothes they stand in, so hurried was their departure, and they are going to do some shopping to-day. They are returning in the Columbia, probably on Monday.

The Transatlantic flyers, Captain Erroll Boyd and Lieutenant Harry Connor, are as yet uncertain whether they will fly back direct or via Friedrichshaven and Paris. There is no prospect of them joining the giant Dornier flying-ship Do. X in its coming flight to America.—Reuter.

SURPRISE FOR MOTHER.

Mrs. Proctor said last night that her daughter was keen on aviation, and began learning at Shanklin Aerodrome some time ago.

"She is most enthusiastic," added Mrs. Proctor, "and I can only suppose that she saw a good chance and took it. We had not the slightest idea of her intentions in this instance until we received a telegram yesterday saying she had arrived safely in Berlin. Knowing how keen she was, I don't blame her."

Both girls are only just twenty years of age.

"BIG BILL'S" FIGHT FOR LIFE.

A VITRIOLIC SPEECH.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

To-day "Big Bill" Thompson has an even chance for life following the operation for appendicitis last night which disclosed a condition of peritonitis.

"Big Bill," who is 61 years of age, was stricken an hour before the time arrived to make a sensational political speech attacking his enemies, which was so vitriolic and vulgar that the newspapers refused to print it. Thompson is a Republican, but his speech favoured the election of the Democratic candidate for the national Congress, because his enemies, including the proprietors of the "Chicago Tribune," supported the Republican candidate. Although in severe pain, the Mayor refused to submit to an operation until he was able, after considerable difficulty, to obtain a proxy to read the speech.

For some time Thompson has taken no active interest in his office of Mayor, devoting all his time to defending a suit brought by the "Chicago Tribune," which sought to recover for the city several millions of dollars which it was alleged Thompson had paid out of the Treasury illegally. An adverse decision meant the loss of his personal fortune; but a week ago he obtained a favourable verdict, and again took up the reins of the city's government.

Simultaneously with the Mayor's admission to hospital, a Grand Jury filed a report blaming the city administration for gangster rule. The vacillating policies of city administration, the report declared, left the police uncertain which law should be enforced, which ignored; and, as a result, criminals, plentifully supplied with funds from bootlegging operations, have succeeded in corrupting and demoralising the police force. The city government itself, the report stated, is actually a partner in crime.

A Reuter message late last night stated that Thompson's condition is considered favourable. He is resting, and is quite comfortable.

NO ATTACK ON KING BORIS.

OFFICIAL DENIAL.

SOFIA, Saturday.

M. Stainov, the Bulgarian Minister of Communications, who accompanied the Royal couple in the special train from Burgas to Sofia, in an interview on the subject of the report that the Royal train had been attacked during its journey, states that not only were Their Majesties not the subject of an attack, but that everywhere along the line from Burgas to Philippopolis and Sofia the people gathered to welcome them, and at every station there were enthusiastic welcomes.

University students who were celebrating the fête of their Patron Saint to-day organised enthusiastic demonstrations in honour of the King and his bride. Processions of students, carrying banners and with bands playing, marched past the King and Queen, warmly cheering the Royal couple.—Reuter.

A Reuter message from Constantinople states that, according to the Bulgarian Minister, King Boris intends to pay a visit to the European capitals, including Angora, next spring.

THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM.

RECENT ADDITIONS.

Recent acquisitions to the Art Section of the Imperial War Museum include:—

Harvest, 1918 (oil), by Sir William Orpen, presented by the artist.

Les Revenants (bronze) by Herbert Haseltine, presented by the sculptor.

Field-Marshal Earl Haig (equestrian statuette, plaster), by Georges Malissard, presented by the sculptor.

The Mystery Towers, Shoreham, 1920 (water-colour), by Brooking A. W. Harrison.

Two etchings by Frank M. Armington, entitled "Patients in American Ambulance, Paris, 1915," presented by Mrs. H. E. Chapman.

A set of eight wood blocks and proofs used in the preparation of the Next-of-Kin Scroll of Honour, presented by Mr. F. V. Burridge, R.E.

In Billets. Winter: Rations Up (oil), by Herbert A. Budd, R.O.I.

Admiral Sir Reginald Tupper (charcoal), by Alexander Christie, presented by Admiral Tupper.

Sketch portrait in oils of General the Earl of Cavan, by John S. Sargent, R.A., lent by the Earl of Cavan.

THE ANTARCTIC QUEST.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

Sir Douglas Mawson's boat, Discovery, has left for Hobart, where it will be joined by Sir Douglas and others, prior to proceeding on a second Antarctic cruise.—Reuter.

GERMAN-POLISH COAL PACT.

WARSAW, Saturday.

Representatives of German and Polish coal mines have virtually reached an agreement for a division of the coal markets in Austria, Italy and Hungary, and the official signing of the agreement is expected within the next few days. The negotiations have been carried on at Kattowice.—Exchange.

BRAZIL'S NEW PRESIDENT.

DR. VARGAS WELCOMED IN CAPITAL.

RIO REJOICINGS.

POLICY OF REFORM OUTLINED.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The correspondent of the Associated Press at Rio de Janeiro states that Dr. Getulio Vargas, the Generalissimo of the Brazilian revolution, has arrived at Rio de Janeiro to assume office as President of the Republic. He was hailed as conqueror.

In spite of an intermittent drizzle, great crowds lined the streets to welcome Dr. Vargas. Four hours before his scheduled time of arrival thousands of spectators surrounded the railway station and stood in crowds along the avenue to watch the victorious Southern troops marching through the streets.

The soldiers, most of them Gauchos from the pampas of Rio Grande do Sul and other Southern States, arrived yesterday in advance of their chieftain. From an early hour this morning there was a festive air about the capital. The Brazilian colours and the flag of Rio Grande do Sul were draped round all the buildings in the down-town section, while hawkers were busy selling miniature flags and buttons bearing the likeness of Dr. Vargas.

DR. LUIS IN FORTRESS.

Dr. Washington Luis is in the fortress of Copacabana, where, as he still refuses to resign, he is being held in incommunicado.

Speaking at the Palace on his arrival, Dr. Vargas said that the Liberal success must be consolidated, and a period of political and administrative reorganisation would now be entered upon. The manner in which public funds had been employed must be investigated, with a view to the suppression of abuses

He referred to the need for fiscal reform and the revision of the status of civil servants. One thing, he said, was indispensable—namely, the abolition of the professional politician.—Reuter.

MISS REBECCA WEST MARRIED.

A BANKER'S BRIDE.

Miss Cicely Isabella Fairfield, the novelist, who is better known as "Rebecca West," was married yesterday at Abinger Church, Surrey, to Mr. Henry Maxwell Andrews, a banker, of Harcourt House, Cavendish Square, London.

"Rebecca West" is one of three brilliant sisters, one of whom, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, gave her away. Miss Fairfield drove to the ceremony from the home at Newlands Corner of an old friend, Mrs. St. Loe Strachey, widow of the editor of the "Spectator." She wore a dress of beige, with a closely fitting hat, and shoes to match. She carried a bouquet of lilies and roses. The Rev. Sir Henry Denny, the vicar of the parish and a cousin of the bride, officiated.

An alternative form of service was used, which omits from the bride's vows the word "obey," substituting for the usual words, "Wilt thou love him, honour, and keep him?" The bridegroom, instead of promising to endow the bride with all his worldly goods, said, "All my worldly goods with thee I share."

A reception was held at Mrs. St. Loe Strachey's house, and was attended by about fifty guests.

The bride adopted the pen name of "Rebecca West" after the character in Ibsen's "Rosmersholm," in which she appeared when in her 'teens.

MINISTER REBUKED.

FARMERS' REPLY TO DR. ADDISON.

The National Farmers' Union has taken strong objection to a reference to the Union made by Dr. Addison, the Minister of Agriculture, in the House of Commons on Thursday when dealing with the question of "Scrub Bulls."

In a letter to the Minister, Captain E. T. Morris, president of the Union, suggests that, in view of these remarks, it would be waste of time for the Union to nominate two representatives, as they had signified their willingness to do, to serve on a small advisory committee which the Minister proposed to appoint to consider in detail the proposed Bill to deal with "Scrub Bulls."

"I have just been reading in to-day's 'Hansard' (the letter proceeds) your reference to proposed legislation which is to deal with 'scrub' bulls, and I note that you are reported to have said that you 'do not expect to get the blessing of the headquarters of the National Farmers' Union, because you have never known them satisfied with anything.' Further that you 'do not feel disposed to lament very much if they do not like the proposal about the scrub bull and it is coming for all that.'

"Like yourself, I am a very busy man; my colleagues are busy men, and I am quite sure that you will not expect me or my colleagues, after the statements that have fallen from your lips, to waste our time attending meetings of the above committee when you suggest to the world at large, and the House of Commons in particular, that we are people who are never likely to be satisfied with anything and people to whose opinion you attach little or no importance."

A THIEVING GANG.

MANY ROBBERIES AT SOUTHAMPTON.

Thieves have been busy in Southampton, where several cases of housebreaking have been reported. The police believe that most of the offences are the work of the same men. Some of the robberies have been committed in daylight. In one instance, the thief walked out of the door of a doctor's house, carrying the stolen property, under the eyes of the doctor's wife, who observed him from an upper window, but was powerless to stop him.

The suspected thief at another house was spoken to by a caller, whose suspicions were disarmed by the man saying that he was working there.

The most serious robbery was committed in Northlands Road, where thieves ransacked practically every room while the occupiers were out at a whist drive. A whippet pet, which was left in the kitchen, was brutally ill-treated. Its skull was fractured either by a kick or a blow, and it died shortly afterwards.

When the staff of a Bristol firm of printers, Messrs. Hooper and Sons, of Dolphin Street, entered the premises yesterday, they found an entry had been forced during the night and the offices ransacked. The telephone wire had been cut, and the safe broken open.

EARTHQUAKE PANIC.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Saturday.

A short but violent earthquake shock was felt in Smyrna this morning. It caused panic among the population, who have already been sorely tried by the recent disastrous floods.—Reuter.

Earth tremors lasting several seconds were felt (says Exchange) in many part of Copenhagen and neighbourhood, and also in South Sweden, yesterday morning. Prof. Stroemgren, of Copenhagen University, states that the whole of his room seemed to dance.

RADIUM TREATED AS RUBBISH.

NEEDLES THROWN AWAY AND BURNED.

SUPPLY WORTH £240 RECOVERED.

After being lost for several days, four platinum needles containing radium, the property of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, have been discovered by means of the ionometer.

As soon as the loss was discovered the hospital authorities obtained the assistance of Professor Newman, who investigated with the ionometer, an instrument something like a camera, with an electrical fitment which reacts when radium is present.

The professor ultimately located the needles among some clinkers in the boiler-house. The needles had become mixed accidentally with other material for consignment to the boiler-house for incineration. They had been through the fire.

The radium, which was valued at £240, was part of a supply obtained for the hospital by the Devon and Exeter Cancer Fund, valued altogether at £4,000. Each needle is about an inch long and is worth, with the radium, about £60.

WATERLOO BRIDGE

MAINTENANCE FOR YET ANOTHER YEAR.

London County Council is again to be invited to sanction the retention of the temporary Waterloo Bridge, which, for several years past, has stood by the side of Rennie's structure. Its upkeep involves the Council in considerable expenditure which must proceed until the new bridge is ready for use, but the day for the opening of a new bridge seems as far away as ever.

Its construction is dependent on the ultimate scheme for a road bridge at Charing Cross, in regard to which yet another inquiry is now proceeding. Accordingly the Improvements Committee recommend London County Council to extend for a year from January 30 next the contract with Sir William Arrol and Company, Ltd., for the maintenance of the temporary bridge and the support of the old bridge.

RIDER KILLED.

TRODDEN ON BY HORSE AFTER FALL.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WINDSOR, Saturday.

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was recorded at the inquest at Windsor to-day on James Dunn, aged 64, who was fatally injured while riding in Windsor Great Park.

Lieut. T. S. Hesketh, 1st Scots Guards, said that Dunn was head groom and manager at stables in Windsor where he kept his own horse. Dunn joined him in a gallop in the park. On looking round at a point near Queen Anne's Drive, he saw Dunn on the ground.

He had the reins still in his hand. He got on his feet as if to try and quieten the horse, but fell down. Dunn told him that he thought his saddle had slipped. He was thrown and the horse had trodden on his face and chest while he was on the ground. He took him to Windsor Hospital in his car.

Dr. Florence Saville, house surgeon at the hospital, said that Dunn was suffering from a fractured jaw, a fractured breast bone, and fractured ribs. He died from bronchial pneumonia as a result of the injuries.

The coroner, in returning the verdict, said that Dunn was a well known figure in Windsor, and he had met his death in sad circumstances.

AIR TRAFFIC.

IMPORTANT PORTUGUESE CONCESSION TO FRANCE.

PARIS, Saturday.

The "Echo de Paris" states that an important agreement was concluded recently between the Portuguese Government and the Franco-Portugal Airways Company, which is allied with the Trans-African and Air Mails Companies.

According to the agreement, Portugal grants to France for a period of thirty years the exploitation of the inland lines and a monopoly of the air lines between Portugal and her Colonies.

The newspaper emphasises the importance of the agreement, including, as it does, the Azores and the Cape Verde Islands which lie on the air routes from Paris to New York, and from Paris to South America.—Reuter.

FORGIVING FATHER.

SON'S ATTACK LEADS TO LOSS OF EYE.

Found guilty of attacking his father while he was asleep and causing him to lose an eye, Harry Hearn (21), coal porter, Belsize Road, West Hampstead, was sentenced at Marylebone Police Court yesterday to six months' hard labour on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm.

The father, Henry Hearn, had to be summoned to give evidence, and told the magistrate that he did not wish to press the charge.

Police evidence showed that the father was found lying on a bed with two wounds on the forehead and over the right eye. On the floor was a bloodstained axe and a broken cup. The son admitted that he had struck his father with his fist and thrown a cup at him. At St. Mary's Hospital a piece of china was taken from the eye, which had to be removed.

BREWERS' EXHIBITION.

ALL BEER MADE FROM BRITISH HOPS.

Eight hundred samples of beer have been entered for the various competitions at the Brewers' Exhibition, which opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, yesterday.

The judges have to test the beverage for brilliancy, aroma, condition, and flavour. And not satisfied with that, they finally test it in a special laboratory for purity and food value.

The exhibition has revealed that all British beer is now made from British hops, and that what is known on the Continent as hop substitutes are not used.

CARNERA RETURNS HOME.

ROME, Saturday.

So large and enthusiastic was the crowd at the station to welcome the return of Primo Carnera here to-day that a special escort of police was necessary to enable him to get from the train to a taxi. On coming out of the station another crowd renewed the demonstration. After making the Fascist salute, Carnera, with a broad smile on his face, entered the taxi with his father and M. Leon See, his manager.

Carnera has telegraphed to Signor Mussolini, asking to be enrolled in the Black Shirts. He promises to serve the Duce with his whole life.—Reuter.

MANCHESTER UNITED WIN ON DAY OF MANY GOALS.

GRIMSBY SCORE EIGHT—ROUGH PLAY AT CHELSEA.

CHECK FOR NOTTS COUNTY.

This season scoring in the English League has been quite free, but yesterday's play yielded an astonishing number of goals. Grimsby Town scored eight; Sheffield Wednesday, Bradford, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Newport County, and Tranmere Rovers seven apiece; and only one match in the four divisions—at Barrow—was goalless.

"Form" received some sad blows. Leicester City, for instance, followed their big beating of Aston Villa the previous Saturday with an 8—2 collapse at Grimsby.

This was not the only surprise, for Manchester United, at the thirteenth attempt, actually won a match! They beat Birmingham, who in their previous engagement had thrashed Chelsea by a big margin, by a couple of goals.

Then there were shocks in the other Divisions. Preston, for instance, allowed lowly Barnsley to visit them and draw. As Everton got the points at Reading, Preston's slip was important—particularly as the menacing West Bromwich Albion were beaten at Millwall.

Exeter City forced the all-conquering Notts County to a draw, and, to complete the day's surprises, Rochdale defeated Lincoln City, the leaders of the Northern section.

The Arsenal managed to obtain a point at Huddersfield, but the Villa, Sheffield Wednesday, and Derby are hot on their heels.

There were regrettable scenes at Chelsea, where players got out of hand. Apparently the referee warned both Chelsea and Blackpool men, and one or two were fortunate in not being sent off. There was practically no football in the match. Free kicks for bad fouls were numerous, and several players were hurt as a result.

It is noteworthy that Plymouth Argyle, the Southern side promoted this season, are finding the pace in the Second Division very hot. Yesterday they lost 7—1 at Bradford, and as Cardiff City won unexpectedly at Southampton, Plymouth join Reading at the foot of the table.

FIRST DIVISION.

Although the Arsenal drew at Huddersfield—a performance of merit on paper—they did not play like League leaders The game, considered as a whole, was a scrappy affair. Cleverness was never sustained for long. The "Fog Fiend" took a hand in the second half, and perhaps the bad light had its effect on the play of both sides. Huddersfield were unfortunate in a way, for Robson should have equalised the goal Jack scored for the Arsenal after nineteen minutes' play. Smith headed the equaliser just on half-time.

Sheffield Wednesday, the League champions, played like League champions, and Sunderland were outclassed at Sheffield. Ball scored three of the Wednesday's seven goals.

Grimsby Town scored four goals in the first seventeen minutes, and their visitors, Leicester City, never really recovered from the shock of that whirlwind beginning. Coleman, who has made the most of his chance at centre-forward since Robson departed for Huddersfield, scored four of Grimsby's eight goals.

Aston Villa's forwards gave an excellent display against Blackburn Rovers at Villa Park. The Rovers had no forward to be compared with Waring, who scored two of the Villa's five, and Houghton—who also scored twice—again demonstrated that he is England's outside-left.

For ten minutes at the start Chelsea played great football, and Cheyne and Jackson (thanks to Crawford) scored goals. After that the game degenerated into a rough-and-tumble.

In the second half Law limped off at outside-left. From a "free" near the penalty area, awarded for a bad foul, Gallacher headed Chelsea's third. Hampson rarely had a pass which gave him an opportunity, while Jackson, once again, was not above the mediocre. Gallacher was the cleverest forward.

West Ham beat Sheffield by 4—1 at Upton Park—and would have won by a larger margin had it not been for Kendall's fine work in the Sheffield goal. West Ham's forwards were in splendid form. The amateur Vivian Gibbins scored two of West Ham's goals.

Newcastle United who had lost four consecutive matches, vanquished Leeds United with surprising ease at Newcastle.

Manchester City maintained their reputation as a team with a penchant for the unexpected by winning at Liverpool. They were helped by some ill luck that befell Liverpood. Edmed the home outside right, wrenched his knee and retired in the first half; Smith missed an easy chance, and Hopkin hit the City upright with a shot that deserved to score.

Although Derby County played throughout the second half with ten men—Barker injured an ankle in the first half—their fast, open football was too much for the Wanderers at Bolton. The Wanderers also had their misfortunes. Seddon, their centre-half, was injured, and limped about at outside-left in the second half.

If Middlesbrough's forwards had shown as much skill in shooting as they did in getting the ball into Portsmouth's goal area, Portsmouth would not have won at Middlesbrough. Furthermore, Elkes, who was deputising for the injured Webster at centre-half, brought about the home club's downfall by deflecting a shot by Forward through his own goal.

SECOND DIVISION.

If Reading had played as well in the second half as they did in the first, they would have at least drawn with Everton at Reading. The Second Division leaders were kept down to a minor key before the interval, and must have congratulated themselves in the dressing-room at half-time on keeping their goal intact. Reading, however, failed to maintain the pace they had set, and Everton scored twice in the second half, and deserved their success.

As the North End had won all their home matches, Barnsley's draw at Preston was a smart performance. Barnsley were quite as good as the home team in the first half, and deserved the goal lead they held at the interval. The second half was almost a constant siege of the Barnsley goal—and the Barnsley defence accomplished wonders. A penalty kick by Harrison eight minutes from the end equalised the scores.

Bristol City made some expensive mistakes at Burnley. It was a defensive slip that enabled Prest to score Burnley's goal after six minutes. A few minutes later Elliot, the City centre-forward, threw away an excellent chance of equalising. It was not an easy win for Burnley. The City contested every inch—but luck was not with them.

Cable reappeared at centre-half for the Spurs, and played a big part in their home victory over Charlton Athletic. The Charlton inside forwards could make no headway against him. Harper scored three of Tottenham's five goals—his third materialising from a penalty-kick.

Bury struggled in vain against the swift raids of the Wanderers' forwards at Wolverhampton. The home club ran up a score of seven, by sheer dash and splendid shooting.

Dickinson, the injured Dent's substitute at centre-forward, scored two of the Forest's four goals against Bradford City at Nottingham.

Superiority forward won Stoke City their home match with Swansea Town. Both teams played some clever football, but Swansea's cleverness was more evident in defence than attack.

Port Vale were the first to score at Oldham—but it was a lucky goal. Ivill, one of the home backs, put it through when attempting to clear. It was a keen struggle, and Ivill's mistake cost Oldham a point.

Southampton lost their first home match—their conquerors Cardiff City, were a lucky lot. Farquharson's fine goalkeeping played a big part in their victory.

THIRD DIVISION.

Although Bournemouth led 2—0 within six minutes of the start at Newport, the latter rallied well to turn a first-half deficit of 3—2 into a 7—3 victory. Seymour and Pearce each shot three goals for the winners.

Notts County had an even greater shock at Exeter. They led by 3—0 early in the second half, but Exeter rallied, a penalty-goal in the last kick of the game giving them a 3—3 draw.

Yet another visiting side—Watford—were worn down and beaten. Two early goals by James did not disconcert Gillingham, who rattled on four before the end.

Bristol Rovers temporarily lost two halves, who returned with stitches in their heads. Nevertheless, the Rovers beat Swindon 4—1, their young forward, Dix, again playing brilliantly

Torrential rain fell at Rochdale, where Lincoln, lost in the mud, suffered defeat. Tranmere are now within striking distance of Lincoln's leadership.

RESULTS AND LEAGUE POSITIONS.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

Aston Villa	5	Blackburn R.	2
Bolton Wans.	1	Derby Co.	2
Chelsea	3	Blackpool	0
Grimsby T.	8	Leicester C.	2
Huddersfield T.	1	Arsenal	1
Liverpool	0	Manchester C.	2
Manchester U.	2	Birmingham	0
Middlesbro'	0	Portsmouth	1
Newcastle U.	4	Leeds United	1
Sheffield Wed.	7	Sunderland	2
West Ham U.	4	Sheffield United	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Arsenal	13	8	4	1	35	19	20
Aston Villa	13	8	3	2	36	20	19
Sheffield Wed.	13	7	5	1	27	16	19
Derby County	13	7	4	2	30	18	18
Portsmouth	13	7	4	2	28	19	18
Huddersfield Town	13	6	4	3	32	23	16
Leicester City	13	7	2	4	31	28	16
West Ham Un.	13	6	3	4	35	30	15
Chelsea	13	5	3	5	21	19	13
Liverpool	12	6	1	5	28	27	13
Middlesbrough	13	5	3	5	22	28	13
Birmingham	13	3	6	4	23	22	12
Sheffield United	13	3	6	4	23	23	12
Newcastle United	13	5	2	6	28	29	12
Manchester City	13	4	3	6	20	26	11
Bolton Wands.	12	4	2	6	18	25	10
Blackpool	13	4	2	7	27	40	10
Grimsby Town	13	4	1	8	23	22	9
Blackburn Rovers	13	3	3	7	27	29	9
Leeds United	13	4	1	8	28	32	9
Sunderland	13	2	4	7	22	36	8
Manchester United	13	1	0	12	16	49	2

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

Bradford	7	Plymouth A.	1
Burnley	4	Bristol C.	2
Millwall	2	West B. Albion	0
Notts Forest	4	Bradford C.	1
Oldham A.	3	Port Vale	3
Preston N.E.	1	Barnsley	1
Reading	0	Everton	2
Southampton	0	Cardiff City	1
Stoke City	5	Swansea Town	0
Tottenham H.	5	Charlton Ath.	0
Wolv'h'mpton W.	7	Bury	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Everton	13	9	3	1	36	16	21
Preston N. End	13	8	3	2	35	21	19
Burnley	13	7	4	2	36	28	18
Tottenham Hotspur	13	8	1	4	39	19	17
West B. Albion	13	7	3	3	26	16	17
Wolverhampton W.	13	8	0	5	34	21	16
Bury	13	7	1	5	29	25	15
Southampton	13	5	5	3	14	15	15
Port Vale	13	6	2	5	30	21	14
Bradford	13	5	3	5	33	28	13
Stoke City	13	5	3	5	22	22	13
Oldham Athletic	13	6	1	6	21	22	13
Notts Forest	13	4	4	5	29	29	12
Bristol City	13	5	2	6	16	25	12
Millwall	13	5	0	8	26	28	10
Charlton Athletic	13	4	2	7	20	32	10
Barnsley	12	3	4	5	12	20	10
Bradford City	13	4	2	7	14	25	10
Swansea Town	13	3	4	6	15	26	10
Cardiff City	14	3	3	8	19	29	9
Plymouth Argyle	13	3	1	9	17	28	7
Reading	13	2	1	10	12	39	5

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Southern).

Brentford	5	Queen's P.R.	3
Brighton and H.A.	3	Clapton Orient	1
Bristol Rovers	4	Swindon Town	1
Crystal Palace	6	Walsall	3
Exeter C.	3	Notts Co.	3
Gillingham	4	Watford	2
Luton Town	5	Fulham	0
Newport Co.	7	Bournemouth and B.	3
Northampton	3	Norwich C.	1
Southend U.	2	Coventry C.	0
Torquay United	5	Thames	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
Notts County	14	11	3	0	41	13	25
Northampton Town	13	9	3	1	22	6	21
Torquay Utd.	14	8	2	4	39	25	18
Brentford	14	7	4	3	31	22	18
Crystal Palace	13	7	3	3	44	26	17
Brighton and H.	14	5	5	4	19	19	15
Fulham	13	6	3	4	19	25	15
Gillingham	13	5	4	4	26	18	14
Southend Utd.	13	6	2	5	28	23	14
Bournemouth	13	5	4	4	26	24	14
Watford	13	6	2	5	26	24	14
Coventry	13	5	3	5	26	22	13
Swindon Town	14	6	1	7	27	28	13
Exeter City	14	4	5	5	25	30	13
Luton Town	14	4	4	6	21	27	12
Bristol Rovers	14	4	4	6	22	33	12
Q.P. Rangers	13	4	1	8	23	28	9
Clapton Orient	13	3	3	7	20	29	9
Norwich City	13	2	4	7	14	28	8
Walsall	13	3	1	9	27	40	7
Newport County	13	3	1	9	22	38	7
Thames	13	2	2	9	14	34	6

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Northern.)

Accrington Stanley	1	Hull City	3
Barrow	0	Gateshead	0
Carlisle United	2	Darlington	1
Chesterfield	1	Stockport Co.	1
Crewe Alex.	2	Hartlepools U.	1
Rochdale	4	Lincoln City	2
Rotherham U.	2	New Brighton	0
Southport	2	Doncaster R.	1
Tranmere Rovers	7	Nelson	1
Wrexham	2	Wigan Boro'	0
York C.	4	Halifax Town	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Lincoln City	13	10	1	2	29	11	21
Tranmere Rovers	13	9	2	2	39	21	20
Wrexham	13	8	3	2	35	15	19
Chesterfield	13	8	3	2	25	16	19
Stockport Cty.	13	8	2	3	24	20	18
Hull City	13	7	3	3	27	17	17
Wigan Boro'	12	8	1	3	23	13	17
Gateshead	13	5	5	3	18	17	15
Carlisle Utd.	13	7	0	6	27	19	14
Rotherham Utd.	13	5	3	5	33	29	13
York City	13	6	1	6	27	26	13
Halifax Town	13	5	3	5	19	22	13
Rochdale	13	5	2	6	31	36	12
Crewe Alex.	13	6	0	7	23	32	12
Accrington Stanley	14	5	2	7	29	42	12
Southport	13	4	2	7	20	23	10
Darlington	13	3	3	7	22	24	9
Hartlepools Utd.	12	3	1	8	18	24	7
Doncaster R.	13	2	3	8	15	23	7
Barrow	14	2	3	9	13	32	7
Nelson	13	2	2	9	19	33	6
New Brighton	13	1	3	9	8	29	5

SCOTTISH LEAGUE. DIVISION I.

Airdrieonians	2	Ayr United	1
Celtic	5	Partick T.	1
Dundee	2	Motherwell	1
East Fife	1	Clyde	4
Hearts	1	Cowdenbeath	1
Kilmarnock	3	Hamilton Acads.	1
Leith A.	1	St. Mirren	1
Greenock Morton	5	Falkirk	3
Queen's Pk.	2	Hibernians	1
G. Rangers	4	Aberdeen	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Celtic	12	8	3	1	38	15	19
Partick Thistle	13	9	1	3	37	17	19
Motherwell	13	7	5	1	34	17	19
Dundee	13	9	1	3	28	19	19
Rangers	12	7	3	2	25	12	17
Cowdenbeath	13	8	1	4	20	17	17
Hearts	13	7	2	4	29	22	16
Hamilton A.	14	6	3	5	21	16	15
St. Mirren	12	6	3	3	19	15	15
Greenock M.	12	6	1	5	29	26	13
Airdrieonians	13	5	2	6	20	30	12
Clyde	13	4	3	6	23	24	11
Kilmarnock	13	5	1	7	19	22	11
Aberdeen	14	5	1	8	18	25	11
Queen's Park	12	4	2	6	20	25	10
Falkirk	13	4	1	8	24	33	9
Leith Ath.	13	2	4	7	15	23	8
Hibernians	13	3	1	9	18	31	7
Ayr United	12	1	3	8	14	31	5
East Fife	13	1	1	11	14	45	3

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

EASTERN SECTION.

Guildford City	5	Sheppey Utd.	3

WESTERN SECTION.

Barry T.	3	Merthyr T.	4
Llanelly	9	Ebbw Vale	0
Swindon T. Res.	5	Newport Co. Res.	2

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Birmingham Res.	4	Bolton W. Res.	1
Blackburn R. Res.	3	Oldham A. Res.	0
Blackpool Res.	2	Liverpool Res.	5
Bury Res.	2	Manchester U. Res.	1
Derby Co. Res.	3	Wolverhampton Res.	4
Everton Res.	3	Sheffield W. Res.	2
Leeds U. Res.	4	Burnley Res.	1
Manchester C. Res.	2	Stoke C. Res.	0
Sheffield U. Res.	6	Aston Villa Res.	2
W. Brom. A. Res.	4	Preston N.E. Res.	1
Stockport C. Res.	1	Huddersfield T. Res.	3

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Barnsley Res.	3	Rotherham U. Res.	1
Bradford C. Res.	2	Grimsby T. Res.	2
Doncaster R. Res.	2	Notts F. Res.	2
Gainsboro' T.	2	Mansfield Town	2
Hull C. Res.	1	Frickley C.	1
Lincoln C. Res.	2	Bradford Res.	3
Mexboro' Ath.	1	Shirebrook	3
Notts Co. Res.	3	Chesterfield Res.	0
Scarborough	2	Scunthorpe U.	4

LONDON COMBINATION.

DIVISION I.

Arsenal Res.	3	Luton T. Res.	1
Clapton O. Res.	2	Brentford Res.	3
Leicester C. Res.	5	Br'ght'n & H Res.	1
Cardiff C. Res.	1	Southend U. Res.	1
Charlton A. Res.	2	Crystal Pal. Res.	0
Watford Res.	0	Chelsea Res.	2
Coventry C. Res.	6	Tottenham H. Res.	2
Fulham Res.	3	Reading Res.	1
Portsmouth Res.	2	Millwall Res.	2
Q. Pk. Rngrs. Res.	1	W. Ham U. Res.	0
Swansea T. Res.	2	Southampton T. Res.	0

DIVISION II.

Aldershot	6	Dartford	0
Bournemouth Res.	3	Folkestone	0
Norwich C. Res.	0	Northampton T. Res.	2

Amateur Football.

DULWICH ESCAPE.

NEARLY BEATEN BY CASUALS.

Although they fielded an unrepresentative side, the CASUALS very nearly defeated DULWICH HAMLET, the unbeaten Isthmian League leaders, at Kingston. Dulwich managed to equalise E. D. Shearer's goal—but it was a near thing. If the Casuals' forwards had made better use of their opportunities, Dulwich would no longer be an unbeaten side.

F.A. AMATEUR CUP. REPLAYED TIES.

Civil Service	1	Old Lyonians	2
Guildford	5	Camberley	2

F.A. CUP. THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND.

Barnet	4	Finchley	0
Bromley	2	Tunbridge Wells R.	10
Walthamstow Avenue	3	Leytonstone	2
Hampstead	3	Oxford City	1
King's Lynn	2	Crittalls Ath.	0
Mitcham Wanderers	2	Kingstonian	4
Southwick	7	Hastings and St. Leonards	2
R.A.M.C. (Aldershot)	5	Aldershot Traction Co.	6

A.F.A. SENIOR CUP.

Lensbury	4	Northern Assurance	2
Norsemen	2	Old Parkonians	4
Old Actonians	6	Ibis	1
Reigate Priory	3	Old Grocers	1
Athlon	5	Old Ratlishians	2
Crouch End Vamp.	4	Alexandra Park	4
Toc H.	0	Catford Wanderers	3
Old West. Citizens	1	Cuaco	3
Alleyn Old Boys	5	Thos. Cook and Son	1
Old Owens	7	Old Guildfordians	0

ATHENIAN LEAGUE.

Leyton	6	Redhill	1
Enfield	3	Southall	2
Barking Town	5	Uxbridge Town	2

RESERVE SECTION.

Southall	2	Enfield	4
Redhill	3	Leyton	3
Wealdstone	7	Hayes	8
Uxbridge Town	2	Walthamstow Ave.	2
Cheshunt	2	Barnet	7

A.F.A. MINOR CUP.

Norsemen A	3	Westminster Bank A	6
P.L.A. A	4	U.S.A.C. A	2
Midland Bank III.	13	Board of Education	0
N.P. Bank III.	2	Merton A	3
Ealing III.	2	Polytechnic III.	5
Cuaco III.	3	Blackheath Wan. Res.	3
Lloyds Bank III.	5	St. Albans, Fulham	0
Furness Houlder	2	Catford Wanderers A	1
Ibis A	1	Martins Bank	0

CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE. DIVISION I.

War Office	6	Ministry of Health A	1
Lond. T'phone Serv.	3	Taxes	2
Board of Trade	1	Agricola	0
Ministry of Labour	4	Air Ministry	0

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.

Ilford	5	Tufnell Park	1
Wimbledon	3	Wycombe Wanderers	1
London Caledonians	1	St. Albans City	1
The Casuals	1	Dulwich Hamlet	1
Woking	4	Nunhead	2

KENT LEAGUE.

Maidstone	2	Sittingbourne	0
R.N. Depot	1	Tilbury	2
Sittingbourne P.M.	1	Chatham	4
Canterbury Waverley	7	R. Marines	4
Northfleet	6	Ashford	1
Dartford	5	Margate	1
Grays Thurrock	6	Dover United	1
Bexley Heath	1	Gillingham	2

KENT AMATEUR LEAGUE. DIVISION I.

Beckenham	5	Bexley	10
Plumstead Common Workingmen's Cb.	1	Butlers Wharf	1

LONDON LEAGUE. PREMIER DIVISION.

Dagenham Town	3	Epsom Town	0
Erith and Belvedere	9	Walthamstow Grange	2

DIVISION II.

Brentwood Mental H.	1	Hendon Town	3
Epsom Town	5	Romford	2
Leavesden Mental H.	7	Erith & Belvedere	1
Woolwich Polytechnic	3	Beckenham	10

LONDON SENIOR CUP. THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND.

Haywards (Enfield)	5	Cheshunt	1
Hayes	3	Wealdstone	2
Sutton Utd.	2	Bostall Heath	1
Foots Cray	7	Carshalton Ath.	4
Park Royal	0	Lyons	2
Clapton	6	Beddington Corner	1

PUBLIC SCHOOLS "SOCCER" RESULTS.

Lancing College	0	Charterhouse	0
Bradfield College	3	Old Carthusians	1
Aldenham School	0	Forest School	2
Wellingborough Sch.	2	Old Westminsters	4
Dean Close School	5	Old Decanians	4
Brentwood School	0	Old Malvernians A.	0
St. Edmund's School	5	Aegian	2
Chigwell School	3	Old Hurst Johnians	2
Alleyn's School	1	Alleyn O. Boys' Res.	4
Kimbolton School	9	Magdalene Col., Cam.	8
King's School (Ely)	3	Old Eleans	1

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES.

Paris League	6	London League (In Paris).	3
Diables Rouges	4	London F.A. (In Brussels).	4

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE.

Kew Association	3	Britannic House	1
Merton	2	Aquarius	2
Cambridge Town	3	Ipswich Town	0
Bank of England	3	Midland Bank	1
Aquarius Res.	6	Kew Assn. Res.	0
Midland Bank Res.	6	Bank of England Res.	0
Westminster Bk. Res.	3	Ealing Assn. Res.	2
Britannic Hse. Res.	0	Cuaco Res.	3
Carshalton Res.	4	Lensbury Res.	1
Lloyds Bank Res.	6	N.P. Bank Res.	0

SURREY SENIOR CUP.

Egham	6	R.A.F. (Kenley)	1

SURREY SENIOR LEAGUE.

Wallington	3	Walton-on-Thames	2
Dorking	4	Leyland Motors	2
Hersham	3	West Norwood	2

SURREY AMATEUR LEAGUE.

Blackheath Wandrs.	7	Surbiton	1

SPARTAN LEAGUE. PREMIER DIVISION.

Aylesbury Utd.	1	Metropolitan Police	3
Chesham Utd.	3	Colchester	1
Maidenhead Utd.	8	Gt. Eastern	2
Slough	4	Brentwood & Warley	2
Wood Green Town	1	Hounslow	4

DIVISION I.

Apsley	2	Staines Town	2
Berkhamsted Town	2	Letchworth Town	2
Hertford Town	3	Eastbourne Comrades	2
Windsor and Eton	11	Leagrave and Dis.	0
Cowley	3	Leighton United	2
Watford Spartan	2	Marlow	4

DIVISION II.—EASTERN SECTION.

Bishop's Stortford	5	Hitchin Town Res.	2
Hoddesdon Town	2	Welwyn Gdn. City	2
Letchworth Town R.	4	Waltham Comrades	2
Lyons Club Res.	5	Apsley Res.	5
Ware	0	The Rovers	0
Polytechnic	2	Hertford Town Res.	3

DIVISION II.—WESTERN SECTION.

Farnham United	3	R.A.F. (Uxbridge)	0
Pinner	4	Chesham Utd. Res.	4
R.A.F. (Halton)	6	Berkhamsted T. Res.	2
Willesden Polytech.	7	Slough Res.	1

CLUB MATCHES.

Oxford University	1	Corinthians	3
Eastbourne	0	Cambridge U.	2
London University	4	Old Wykehamists	4
Lancing Old Boys	4	R.M.A. (Woolwich)	4
Westminster Bank	3	Old Malvernians	1
Athlon Res.	11	National City Bank of New York	1
Ealing Association	4	Woodthorpe (Notts)	4
Chase National Bank	1	The Hale	5
Old Arbinians	6	Civil Service Res.	4
Catford Wan. Res.	5	Norsemen Res.	2

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER.

Forest School 2, Aldenham 0.

Forest School won a very even game with Aldenham by two goals to nil. There was no score in the first half, but Dennis, who played a good game for Forest, scored two fine goals in the second. Of the Forest team Dennis and Bell played best.

Bradfield 3, Old Carthusians 1.

Bradfield, who were faster on the ball on a slippery ground, did well to beat the Old Carthusians by 3 goals to 1. R. N. Rayne, W. J. Marshall and P. L. Bathurst scored for the School, and Hale for the Carthusians. The School forwards controlled the ball cleverly, and the defence was sound.

YESTERDAY'S ATTENDANCES.

The following were the attendance figures for the chief games in the four divisions of the League:—

Chelsea v. Blackpool	35,000
Tottenham H. v. Charlton Ath.	35,000
Aston Villa v. Blackburn Rovers	30,000
Huddersfield v. Arsenal	25,000
Sheffield Wednesday v. Sunderland	25,000
West Ham United v. Sheffield United	25,000
Newcastle United v. Leeds United	22,000
Middlesbrough v. Portsmouth	20,000
Crystal Palace v. Walsall	16,000
Millwall v. West Bromwich Albion	15,000
Wolverhampton W. v. Bury	12,000
Reading v. Everton	12,000
Brentford v. Queen's Park Rangers	12,000
Southampton v. Cardiff City	11,000
Wrexham v. Wigan Borough	9,000

LACROSSE.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

Oxford University	10	Buckhurst Hill	2
Catford	12	Hampstead	9
Lee	7	Surbiton	3
Cambridge University	9	Willoughby	3

DIVISION II.

Wallington	9	Surbiton II.	6
Old Dunstonians	8	Cambridge Univ. II.	5

DIVISION III.

Catford II.	7	Hampstead II.	6

CORINTHIANS RALLY.

DOGGART'S HAT-TRICK AGAINST OXFORD.

VARSITY'S WEAKNESS.

Oxford University 1, Corinthians 3.

Oxford University, though without Golding and Guise, had most of the play in the opening stages of their match at Oxford against the Corinthians. Ashton was an absentee from the visiting side. One thousand spectators were present at the kick off, and soon after the start Garland-Wells saved well from Yemm and Ansell. The Corinthians played cleverly, but scarcely made the most of good centres from Robins. Wright scored for Oxford, and the University well deserved their one goal lead at the interval.

Ricketts made two fine saves in the second period from Hurley and Hegan. Abbot, the Corinthian left-back, went off injured, but the visitors continued to attack, and Oxford's goalkeeper again distinguished himself with wonderful saves from Doggart and Tobin. Abbot returned, and then Doggart shot three successive goals for the Corinthians, who thus made a great recovery. The Oxford forwards were poor almost throughout.

The Corinthians' victory was due to the opportunism of Doggart, coupled with their inspired play of their forwards during ten minutes of the game. Oxford's lead of one goal at half time was thoroughly deserved, and, with a little more luck they would have been two or three goals to the good. The shot of Jemm, which hit the bar after beating Garland-Wells, would have been a goal nine times out of ten.

The Corinthian forwards, with Hegan in the centre and Doggart at inside-left, were not convincing in the first half, but when these players changed places at half-time there was a noticeable improvement in their play. Doggart distributed the ball better and kept the inside forwards more together than Hegan had been able to do Moreover, the Old Cambridge Blue was never at a loss what to do in the vicinity of goal. Each of his three successive shots was due to the way he positioned himself. The first was a splendid shot. The second he made simple by placing himself in the right position, and the third was the result of a clever centre by Robins.

The Corinthians were not well served at wing-half, where Ewer seems much slower, and Barker could not hold the University outside-left, an exceptionally smart forward. Nor were their backs too safe in tackling, though both kicked well. Garland-Wells, however, proved his worth as a goalkeeper, and frequently saved really good shots.

The weakness of the University was at inside forward. Ansell played well at times and deserved to score, but Jones and Wright are not thrustful enough, and they constantly allowed the ball to run away from them. Jemm and Benest gave them plenty of opportunities, and in the latter the University have made a distinct find. He is a player who should gain the highest honours, and it is rather surprising he has not been given an opportunity before, as he is in his last year. The half-backs stuck to their work, Morgan and Garrow playing really well. The two backs, Linnell and Tidswell, except for one lapse in the second half, were quite a match for the Corinth forwards, and Ricketts, the goalkeeper, who is a Lacrosse Blue, enhanced his reputation.

The University have not yet won a match, but they need not feel unduly discouraged. Teams:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—G. R. Ricketts; H. J. Linnell, and G. H. Tidswell; A. D. Garrow, J. B. Morgan, and D. C. Raikes; E. W. Jemm, H. L. Wright, G. S. Jones, G. T. Ansell, and H. V. Benest.

CORINTHIANS.—H. M. Garland Wells; D. H. Abbott and M. B Bower; F. H. Ewer, A. H. Chadder, and A. T. Barber; R. W. V. Robins, G. G. Tobin, K. E. Hegan, A. G. Doggart, and A. V. Hurley.

CLEVER CAMBRIDGE WIN.

EASTBOURNE DEFENCE TWICE BEATEN WITHOUT REPLY.

Eastbourne 0, Cambridge University 2.

A slippery ground and torrential rain made ball control very difficult at Eastbourne, where Cambridge University were the visitors. In the first minute Cambridge forced a corner, and Kemp-Welch scored from a crowd of players In the opening half Eastbourne did most of the attacking, and Edwards made some splendid saves, his handling of the wet ball being clever.

Play in the second half was very open, with the Light Blues combining to the best advantage, and Mills in the Eastbourne goal had more to do than Edwards. Considering the conditions, the play was good. Kemp-Welch scored at close range midway through the half, and in the subsequent play clever interpretation of the offside rule by the Cambridge backs upset dangerous Eastbourne moves, to give the Cantabs the victory by 2—0.

Despite the bad conditions, both teams played well, and the exchanges were maintained at high speed. Cambridge showed superior combination, but were inclined to overdo the short passing between the halves and the forwards, while the forwards worked as two wings rather than a whole line, but under such conditions it was remarkable that they managed to make so much use of the ball.

In contrast to the Cambridge short passing, Eastbourne indulged in big kicking and thrusting tactics, but so good was the covering of the Cambridge defenders that an Eastbourne forward never got a clear run for goal. Yet Edwards had much more to do in the early stages than Mills. He handled the greasy ball in the most assured manner, and could not have done better had it been perfectly dry. He never appeared to be in serious trouble; his sallies from goal were always well judged.

Eastbourne were weak on the left wing, where Baker, a reserve player, hardly did himself justice. His failure gave Vasser Smith plenty of time to ply Fabian with passes, and it was on this wing that most of the Cambridge attacks developed. But Fabian, time after time, spoilt good approach work by sending the ball right over.

Eastbourne were definitely outclassed. The inside forwards tried through passing in the second half, but were caught many times by the offside manœuvring of the Cambridge backs.

EASTBOURNE.—M. Mills; E. Billing and G. H. Clement; A. Cruttenden, B. Pugh, and W. Tester; R. Maynard, G. Padgham, V. Francis, T. Francis, and R. Baker.

CAMBRIDGE.—G. C. Edwards; J. A. Cook and C. H. J. Hill; R. R Vasser Smith, W. H. Nister, and G Blackton; A. H. Fabian, F. K. Reeves, G. D. Kemp Welch, Hon. J. M. Aitken, and W. H. Webster.

GOAL SCORERS.

DIVISION I.—Aston Villa (Waring 2, Houghton 2, Beresford); Blackburn Rovers (L. Bruton, McLean); Bolton Wanderers (Goslin); Derby County (Crooks, Bowers); Chelsea (Cheyne, Jackson, Gallacher); Grimsby Town (Coleman 4, Priestley, Prior 2, Fielding); Leicester City (Chandler, Watson); Huddersfield Town (Smith); Arsenal (Jack); Manchester City (Austin, Tilson); Manchester United (Rowley, Gallimore); Portsmouth (Elkes, own goal); Newcastle United (Lindsay 2, Devine 2); Leeds United (Jennings); Sheffield Wednesday (Rimmer, Burgess, Ball 3, Hooper, Wilson); Sunderland (Gurney, Connor); West Ham United (Thorpe, own goal, Gibbins 2, Earle); Sheffield United (Dunne).

DIVISION II.—Bradford (Smith, Kilcar 2, McLean 3, Rhodes); Plymouth Argyle (Black); Burnley (Prest 2, Storer, Beel); Bristol City (Mercer 2); Millwall (Forsyth, Cock); Nottingham Forest (Dickinson 2, Loftus, Simpson); Bradford City (Cairns); Oldham Athletic (Hasson, Shenton own goal, Littlewood); Port Vale (Ivill own goal, Marshall, Griffiths); Preston North End (Harrison); Barnsley (Harvey); Everton (Dunn, Critchley); Cardiff City (Keenor); Stoke City (Bussey 2, Wilson 2, Mawson); Tottenham Hotspur (O'Callaghan, Harper 3, Smy); Wolverhampton Wanderers (Hartill 3, Lowton, Phillips, Deacon, Bottrill).

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).—Brentford (Berry 2, J. Lane, Blakemore 2); Queen's Park Rangers (Sheppard, Nixon, Coward); Brighton and Hove Albion (Nicol, Smith, Kirkwood); Clapton Orient (Cropper); Bristol Rovers (Attwood, Dix, Dennis, Forbes); Swindon Town (Cockburn); Crystal Palace (Clarke, Havelock 2, Butler, Simpson, Rivers); Walsall (Walters 2, Helliwell); Exeter City (Varco, Purcell, Bough); Notts County (Maw 2, Andrews); Gillingham (Brennan, Bethell, Loasby 2); Watford (James 2); Luton Town (Rennie 2, McNesty, Dent 2); Newport County (Seymour 3, Pearce 3, Davies); Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic (Whitehouse, Russell 2); Northampton Town (Dawes 2, Bowen); Norwich City (Peed); Southend United (Barnett 2); Torquay United (Hutchinson 2, Clayson 2, Trotter); Thames (Thomas).

DIVISION III. (North).—Accrington Stanley (Walton); Hull City (Longden, Alexander 2); Carlisle United (McConnell, Sharp); Darlington (Cowan); Chesterfield (Pynegar); Stockport County (Newton); Crewe Alexandra (Smelt, Rouse); Hartlepools United (Simmons); Rochdale (Tippett, Stott 2, Craddock); Lincoln City (Lax, Kitching); Rotherham United (Sellars, Hick); Southport (Cowen, Waterston); Doncaster Rovers (Lievesley); Tranmere Rovers (J. Kennedy 2, Dixon 2, Watts 2, Meston); Nelson (Hawes); Wrexham (Bamford, Williams); York City (Buck 2, Fenoughty, D. Kelly); Halifax Town (Cooper).

HOCKEY.

AN UNUSUAL INCIDENT.

HEAVY SCORING.

By "CIRCLE."

A penalty-bully is a sufficiently rare occurrence in first-class hockey as to warrant some comment when one is awarded. Yesterday a penalty-bully was awarded in the match between WIMBLEDON and TULSE HILL, the latter's goalkeeper being penalised for "handling." In the matter of "knocking-on," most umpires allow goalkeepers rather more licence than they accord to other players, so that it is pleasing to know that officials are realising the need for a stricter interpretation of the rules of the game. From the penalty-bully Morley-Brown scored for Wimbledon, who led at half-time by 1—0, but in the second half of a hard-fought game Tulse Hill equalised through Clayton. Wimbledon were finely served by Scott, the old Oxonian, at full-back, while Tulse Hill were well served in defence, but missed chances in attack.

Yesterday's matches produced some exceptionally heavy scoring. SPENCE reached double figures against PURLEY, who they beat by 10—1 after leading by 3—1 at half-time. Edgley and Woolley both scored 4 goals, while Bamford and Lipthorpe both netted once. The Purley goal was hit by Nelson.

BECKENHAM visited their near neighbours, BROMLEY, and defeated them by 9—3, scoring six times in the first half without reply. R. W. Fison (3), Pope (2), Cork (2), Wilson and Taylor-Marsh hit the goals for the winners, who showed admirable understanding between the forwards and half-backs, and Andrews, Johnston, and Nation netted for Bromley.

Thirteen goals were scored in the game at Camberley, where STAFF COLLEGE beat EPSOM by 8—5. Campion was in fine form for the College and scored five times, while Redman hit the other three goals. Trower (2) and Carruthers scored for Epsom, who were led by 4—1 at half-time. For the winners, Campion and Simpson formed a most effective left wing.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY gave further evidence of their strength by beating SOUTHGATE at Cambridge by 4—3. As Southgate have already beaten Oxford University, the Light Blues' success was all the more creditable. It was one of the best games of the season, and on both sides the defensive play reached a high order. The Cambridge forwards were very fast and hit hard, but the Southgate backs and halves were clever in their interceptions. Berry and Hardie each scored twice for Cambridge, and Tabernacle, Petheram, and Sturt replied for Southgate, who might well have forced a draw but for some brilliant saves by the University goalkeeper.

Oxford Beat Hampstead.

In a moderate match, OXFORD UNIVERSITY, who beat HAMPSTEAD by 4—1, achieved their first victory of the season. Dashwood, who reappeared at centre-forward, hit two goals for the Dark Blues in the first half, and subsequently completed his hat-trick, while the Nawab of Pataudi also netted for them, and Masterman replied for Hampstead.

With Lieut. Cook, the Irish international, in their forward line, ALDERSHOT COMMAND beat STAINES by 4—1, after leading at half-time by 1—0. Howes (2), Cook and Walker scored for the Command before Archer-Thomson netted for Staines. The match arranged for Aldershot between the Royal Engineers and Richmond was cancelled.

SURBITON maintained their good form with a 4—1 win over DULWICH, their scorers being Heighton (2), Tyrrell and Steerth, while Pemberton netted for Dulwich.

In heavy rain FOLKESTONE OPTIMISTS and WYE COLLEGE played a 3—3 draw. Castle (2) and Upton scored for the Optimists, and Tinley (2) and Moffatt for the College, who near the end were leading by 3—2.

Australian Women Beaten.

THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN tourists, having concluded their visit to Ireland, where they were successful in their last two matches, yesterday opposed the NORTH OF ENGLAND at Leeds and were beaten by 4—1. The tourists managed to hold their own in the first half when Miss Cashmore scored for them after Miss Goldsworth had given the North the lead. Miss Thomas displayed clever stickwork in the tourists' attack, and Miss Taywell did some fine things in goal, but in the second half, when the defence was constantly harassed by the North's attack, she was beaten twice by Miss Whitnall and once by Miss Goldsworth.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

MEN'S MATCHES.

Oxford University	4	Hampstead	1
Wimbledon	1	Tulse Hill	1
Beckenham	9	Bromley	3
Spencer	10	Purley	1
Brondesbury	3	Barnes	2
Mid-Surrey	3	H.A.C.	1
Surbiton	4	Dulwich	1
Polytechnic	3	Westminster Bank	1
Sterling	2	Lamson Paragon	1
Radlett	3	Barnet	0
Metrogas	6	Orpington	2
Hounslow	3	Old Framlinghamians	1
Beckenham II.	3	Bromley II.	2
Brondesbury II.	7	Barnes II.	3
Lond. Sc. of Econ. II.	4	Imperial College II.	3
Hounslow III.	1	Ealing County School	1
Polytechnic III.	3	Westminster Bank III.	0
Beckenham IV.	3	Bromley IV.	1
Polytechnic B	10	Westminster Bank V.	7
Beckenham V.	8	Bromley V.	1
Blackheath	0	London University	0
Bank of England	8	Old Felstedians	0
R.N.C., Greenwich	5	St. James's, Hatcham	2
Metropolitan Police	7	Brentwood	2
Peek Frean	6	Tonbridge	1
A.E.C.	4	Old Ealonians	4
Sanderstead	4	Alleyn Old Boys	0
Old Loughtonians II.	3	Chelmsford II.	2
Hay's Wharf II.	6	W. J. Bush	0
Chelmsford III.	4	Sawbridgeworth	4
West Herts	4	Hendon	2
West Herts II.	5	Hendon II.	2
Old Southendians II.	4	G.W.R. II.	0
Burnt Ash II.	10	Polytechnic B	2
Mid-Surrey II.	3	H.A.C. II.	2
Mid-Surrey III.	11	H.A.C. III.	0
Mid-Surrey IV.	2	H.A.C. IV.	1
Cambridge Univ.	4	Southgate	3
Staff Coll. (Camberley)	8	Epsom	5
Owls (Camberley)	1	10th Fld. Brig., R.A.	2
Gresham	8	Siemens II.	1
Southern Railway	3	City of London M.H.	1
King's College II.	4	King's Col. Hosp. II.	0
Surbiton II.	1	Dulwich II.	0
Frindsbury	4	Gravesend II.	3
Metropolitan Pol. II	4	Brentwood II.	1
Epsom II.	5	Wallington II.	0
Richings Park II.	3	Marlow II.	3
Teddington IV.	4	Hawks III.	2
N.P.L. II.	1	O. Kingstonians III.	1
Dulwich III.	4	Surbiton III.	1
Epsom III.	7	Wallington III.	1
N. P. Bank III.	3	Civil Service III.	1
Harrow III.	5	Surbiton IV.	0
O. Kingstonians IV.	8	N. P. L. III.	0
Sevenoaks	8	Cheam	2
Cheam II.	8	Sevenoaks II.	0
Civil Service IV.	6	N.P. Bank IV.	1
K.G.S.	2	O. Cranleighans	0
K.G.S. II.	2	O. Cranleighans II.	8
Lloyds Bk. VI.	3	London Scots II.	2
Teddington	4	Old Loughtonians	3
Civil Service	4	N.P. Bank	3
Gravesend	4	C.I.A., Woolwich	3
Burnt Ash	4	Catford Wanderers	2
Aldershot Command	4	Staines	1
St. Albans	6	Crouch End	1
King's College	1	King's Coll. Hos.	1
Kingston Gr. Sch.	2	Old Cranleighans	0
Slough	0	Ashford (Middlesex)	0
Hawks	2	Merton	1
London Sch. of Ec.	4	Imperial Coll. II.	3
Old Kingstonians II.	4	N.P.L.	4
Hornchurch	3	Birkbeck College	1
St. Bart.'s Hos.	3	R.N. and B.M. Chatham	
Merton II.	7	Hawks	0
Richings Park	2	Marlow	6
P.L.A.	1	Forest Gate Y.M.C.A. II.	1
Crouch End III.	8	St. Albans III.	3
Weybridge	2	Hornsey	1
Harrow	5	Latchmere	1
Coulsdon	4	Price's Athletic	0
Purley A	7	Lloyds Bank II.	3
Spencer III.	6	Purley III.	3
Spencer IV.	5	Purley IV.	4
Purley V.	4	Spencer V.	2
Imperial College	7	London Sch. of E.	1
Old Southendians	4	G.W.R.	0
Wallington	10	R. Dental Hos.	1
Ilford	1	Goodmayes	0
Croydon M.O.	3	Wimbledon A	2
St. Albans	6	Crouch End	1
Guildhall	5	Barclays Bank	0
Woolwich Poly.	4	Enfield	2
Polytechnic A	5	Tay Wharf	0
Guildhall III.	2	Reigate III.	2
St. Albans II.	4	Crouch End II.	2
Old Kingstonians A	2	Chelmsford	3
Waddon	5	Croydon M.O. II.	3
Maori	2	Surbiton A	5
Folkestone Optimists	3	Wye College	3
Wimbledon III.	0	Tulse Hill III.	19
Wimbledon V.	3	Tulse Hill V.	9

WOMEN'S MATCHES.

Catford	10	St. Katherine's College	4
North (at Leeds)	4	Australians	1
Green School O.G.	3	Rouge et Noire	2
Weybridge	3	Constitution Hill	1
Windsor	7	Hawks	1
Latchmere	0	Twickenham Co. Sch. O.G.	0
Old Blues	3	Hedgeleigh	3
Old Blues III.	4	Hedgeleigh III.	4

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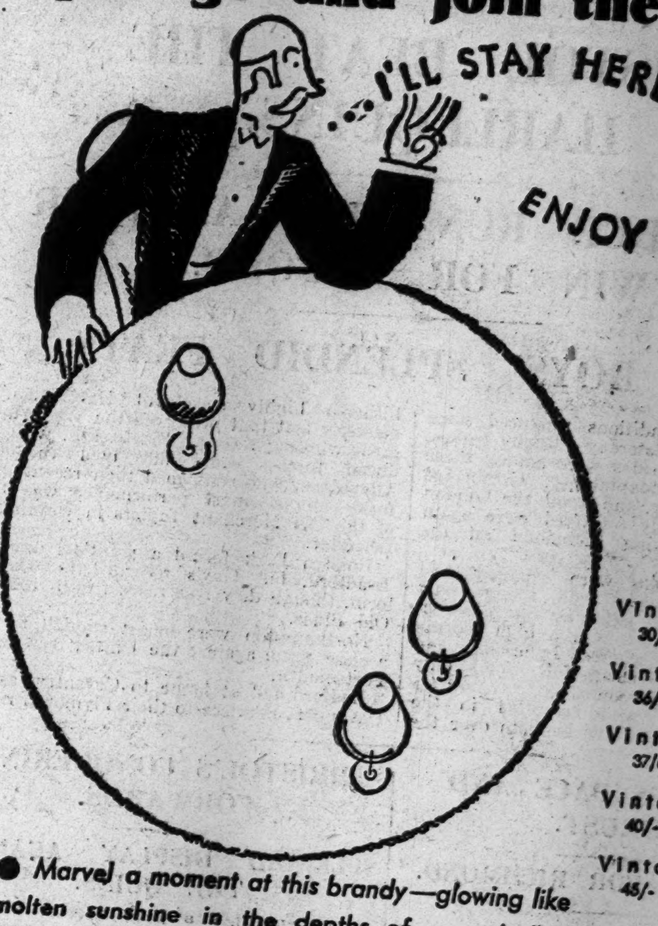

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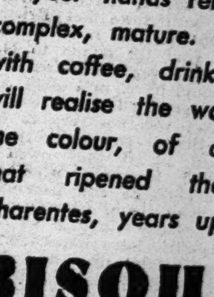

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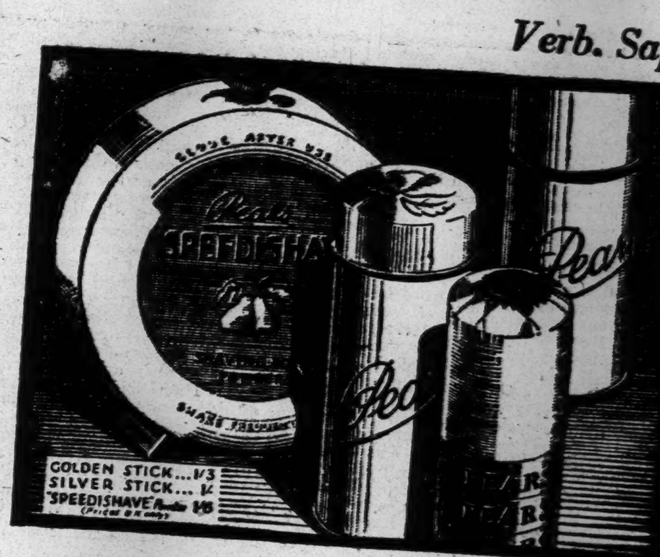

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Rugby Football.

BRISTOL BEAT THE HARLEQUINS.

CAMBRIDGE RUN RIOT—ANOTHER WIN FOR OXFORD.

OLD BOYS' SPLENDID FEATS.

Bad handling conditions produced some strange results in yesterday's Rugby games, but the University sides were among those who revealed their adaptability. Cambridge revelled in the going, and smote the London Scottish very heavily. Oxford were again successful, overcoming Richmond on the latter's ground.

Three county sides were engaged, and again the home teams won, though only Cumberland showed anything like convincing superiority. This was a high scoring game of 48 points, whereas Lancashire and Yorkshire, though successful, could only muster 8 points between them.

The chief club game resulted in the triumph of Bristol at Twickenham over the hitherto highly successful Harlequins, a masterly feat that preserved the Westerners' great winning record. Blackheath, with reduced forces, could not hold the Old Alleynians, who confirmed their recent good form, but a smart performance was that of the Old Merchant Taylors in winning at Leicester.

Rosslyn Park forced a pointless draw at Bradford, but Guy's returned to winning form, though they received a fright from the Old Blues.

Northampton were smart enough to win a close game against the United Services at Portsmouth.

Bedford fell at home to Coventry, as did Devonport Services to their Plymouth rivals.

OXFORD'S PACE AND THRUST.

TOO MUCH FOR RICHMOND.

By D. R. GENT.

Richmond 0 pts., Oxford University 16.

This was a capital game to watch at Richmond yesterday, for though Oxford won by two goals and two tries to nil, the sides were nothing like so far apart as the score would indicate. I am not going to say it was all high-class football, nor was it spectacular football, but it was the good, vigorous stuff that real Rugby football is made of, there being any amount of splendid tackling; and this is what always pleases me, at any rate.

The Oxford captain was unable to call upon J. A. Adamson, W. Roberts, and C. F. Cardale, and the absence of these men, together probably with the gruelling game against the Greyhounds a couple of days ago, must be taken into account in criticising the side. Again, the heavy rain and the very long grass on the Athletic Ground rather tended to slow up the game, for the Oxford outsides certainly seemed to lack pace. But the side as a whole disappointed me rather.

The passing was often poor, and the combination not always effective. The outstanding player was undoubtedly the Scottish International, T. M. Hart, playing in the centre. I remember enjoying his play in his first match for Scotland last year; I enjoyed it almost as much yesterday. He passed beautifully, ran with plenty of pace and skill, and kept the Richmond defence very busy every time he had the ball. Two of the Oxford tries were almost entirely due to his efforts. With W. Roberts in front of him, I can quite well imagine the Oxford back machinery becoming quite good.

The other centre, P. C. Alexander, was not bad either, his defence perhaps being better than his attack. H. Rees, who deputises for Roberts at outside-half, and who is the handy man of the side, having already played at full-back, centre, and outside-half, is most obviously full of football. But outside-half is not his best position, I should think. For all that, he did very well for his side, as did his partner, D. E. Roberts, who seems to have filled out a good deal since he played for Wales against England last year. C. F. Lyons, a Freshman deputising for Cardale, showed promise on the left wing.

I rather liked the look of the Oxford pack. They are exceptionally big, are well led by S. J. Hofmeyr, and vary their game excellently. I have not seen such good wheeling and collective dribbling for a long time. P. D. Howard was outstanding with W. A. Druitt, Hofmeyr, and A. G. Cordlan often in the picture.

I have left myself little space to deal with the Richmond side, but I must say I cannot understand why they have not done better. They played good football yesterday, and deserved at least a couple of scores. All did well, with R. Burgess (he was very good indeed), D. F. Ryan (despite a few lapses), C. P. Green, C. R. Hopwood, and R. G. Hobbs being at least as good as any of the others. It is finish that Richmond lack. With that they would be a really difficult side to beat.

The Play.

It was dull, though not actually raining, when Ryan kicked off for Richmond. From the first scrum Oxford heeled cleanly, but Roberts's pass to Alexander went astray, and some loose play followed, till Howard marked cleverly. Again Oxford heeled cleanly, and this time the Oxford scrum half found his man nicely. But the passing was slow, and the Richmond defence soon forced the movement over the touchline. A neat dribble headed by Howard and Druitt rather relieved the monotony, as did a dashing run up the field. Then came a really good run by Hart, from his own 25 to past the halfway line. He gave a splendid pass to Cridlan, who, in turn, passed to Lyons. But the wing was rather hemmed in, and Ryan quickly bowled him into touch.

Oxford were now warming up, and Rees made a run that all but led to a try, but the last pass was forward, or Howard would have scored.

A careless scrum infringement lost Oxford this excellent position, for Richmond followed up the kick with a capital rush that took play very close to the Oxford line. Howard was again prominent, leading a beautiful wheel, and dribbling away nicely. His last kick was a little too hard, though, and the Richmond full-back was able to put in a long kick. The Richmond men were defending well, and the Oxford backs were given very little rope indeed.

The Oxford pack tried another rush, only to see Holman pick up neatly and send them well back with a long kick to touch.

At last, after about twenty minutes' play, Oxford scored—a wee bit luckily, for Ryan had a chance of fielding the ball from a forward rush. Instead, he just checked it, and the ball, getting loose, Brooks dived over in the corner, Healey making a good but unsuccessful attempt to convert.

A good run by Hart led to Oxford's try, Lyons just having to take his pass and run hard. He did this well, and Alexander kicked the goal. Just on half-time, the Richmond forwards, well supported by Burgess, made a determined effort to score, and were only pulled up on the line. There was no more scoring this half, so that Oxford led by eight points to nil.

The Second Half Scoring.

The scoring this half was the same as in the first, but it did not represent the run of the game at all; for Richmond had much the better of it, and were time and time again right on the Oxford line for minutes at a time. Once Burgess ran well and his forwards backed him up; but Bovill was held up on the line and eventually forced back. Later the same player had hard lines with a drop at goal, the back being charged down. The Oxford scorers were Howard and Lyons, Alexander converting the first. Howard's try followed a capital movement by Rees, Alexander and Brooks, whilst Lyons ran well to finish off a brilliant run by Hart, Druitt lending a hand as well.

RICHMOND.—D. F. Ryan; W. A. Chapman, W. N. Hoare, C. P. Green (capt.), H. M. Holman; R. G. Green and R. Burgess; A. E. Charles, B. L. Herbert, A. D. Allen, R. G. Hobbs, E. M. Bovill, C. R. Hopwood, D. W. Parsons, and E. V. Howes.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—G. H. Williams; A. E. Brooks, P. C. Alexander, T. M. Hart, C. F. Lyons; H. Rees, and D. E. Roberts; S. J. Hofmeyr (capt.), W. E. Henley, D. H. Swayne, P. D. Howard, A. G. Cridlan, R. K. Lindsay, W. A. Druitt, and R. R. M. Gibbon.

Referee: J. G. Bott.

BLACKHEATH DRAW IN PARIS.

Racing Club de France 6 pts., Blackheath 6.

PARIS, Saturday.

In a fast game in Paris, Blackheath drew with the Racing Club de France, each side scoring six points. The English team, hooking much better, had more of the ball, especially in the first half. Soon after the start Devitt was three times within an ace of scor'ng, being tackled on each occasion in the last yard. The French forward, Plez, scored the first try after a long dribble by the forwards. There was no further score before the interval.

In the second half Blackheath got two tries in quick succession through the work of their three-quarters. Kemp gave a splendid chance to Webber, who scored. A few minutes afterwards Morris added a second try. Medicin equalled the score with a penalty goal. Webber was the best player on the field.—Ex. Tel. Spec.

BRISTOL'S CONQUERING FORWARDS.

SPLENDID DISPLAY AGAINST THE 'QUINS.

Harlequins 5 pts., Bristol 12.

The Harlequins and Bristol, both unbeaten, and probably the best club sides in the country, clashed at Twickenham yesterday, and a hard game fought out to the end with grim determination on both sides left Bristol victorious by a penalty goal and three tries against a placed goal (12 points to 5).

It was much to be regretted that the rain of the morning should have, in a sense, affected the play, for the speed all round was slowed down, and the ball was not easy to handle; but, for all that, Bristol were honestly entitled to their win, and for it they owed nearly everything to their forwards, who, with a player of such experience and personality as J. S. Tucker to lead them, played splendidly throughout. For their triumphs so far this season the Harlequins have depended on the quick breaking up scrummagers and the pace, combination and thrust of their outsides, but yesterday they were opposed to entirely different tactics, and the game of the West Country—the light, hard scrummaging, the short rushes, and the snapping up of chances when the ball was loose, beat them conclusively.

The Bristol forwards were great. They held the scrums, got in many characteristic rushes, and were always on their toes, metaphorically speaking, either to support an attack or to repel an invasion. Sam Tucker, of course, was always in the thick of it, and it would be invidious to praise anyone else, for the reason that everyone contributed his full share in the work of the side.

The duel between the half-backs, H. C. C. Laird and C. C. McCreight, of the Harlequins, and J. T. M. Barrington and C. B. Carter, which promised so much, faded out because of the superiority of the Bristol pair.

On neither side was the handling by the three-quarters dependable; indeed, much of it was distinctly poor, because of the keenness which was always the predominating influence in the game, rather than the wet state of the ball, but there were many glimpses of individual excellence. J. G. Gibbs, in scoring the Harlequins' solitary try and later in going across the field to extricate his side from imminent peril, proved that he is still one of the speediest runners on the modern Rugby field, while P. E. Hodge, J. E. Hutton, and J. A Baiss, the Oxford Senior, who replaced J. R. Coles, all acquitted themselves well.

Of the Bristol "threes," D. W. Burland was easily the outstanding player, but he was always very well supported.

It was not until near the interval that the first score of the match accrued, and then the Harlequins, after carrying all before them at the outset and having experienced many moments of grave anxiety in close proximity to their goal-line, were attacking. J. E. Hutton, feinting, got away, and from his inside pass P. E. Dunkley, P. W. Adams, and H. C. C. Laird all handled the ball before J. C. Gibbs ran round behind the posts to score and Dunkley kicked the goal. After the change of ends the home defence was severely tested. The Harlequins' tackling and well-judged kicking from the touch-line saved them time and again, but the Bristol forwards were in great form, and gave them no respite. Burland's long, raking kick to one of the corners resulted in W. L. Broome crossing for a try, but J. N. Hazell failed with a not apparently difficult place kick, and he was no more successful a few minutes later when H. Sherman touched down for a try, following another determined rush by the Bristol pack. Then the Harlequins were penalised for off-side dangerously near the goal-posts, and Hazell on that occasion made no mistake with his kick. Later Burland, picking up in the open, credited them with a further unconverted try.

CAMBRIDGE IN FORM.

WHIRLWIND FINISH AGAINST THE SCOTTISH.

Cambridge University 39 pts., London Scottish 5.

Cambridge University, at home, beat the London Scottish after a game that produced interesting play.

The Scottish pressed at the start, but after seven minutes' neat passing resulted in a try for Cambridge by Smeddle, Williams goaling. Cambridge increased advantage soon afterwards, Tallent scoring a try for Williams to convert. Nearing half-time McIntosh ran in for a try for the Scottish, and this Langrish improved, but Smeddle replied for Cambridge with another try, and so the University had a winning lead at the interval.

After the interval, except for a few brief rallies by the Scottish, Cambridge had much the better of the game, while towards the close they overran the Scottish. Tries were scored by Greenwood (2), Smeddle (2), Phillips and Watherston, while Askew placed four goals.

Despite the fact that the London Scottish included six internationals in the team, they were made to look rather poor, particularly during the last twenty-five minutes. Their defence during the earlier stages of the game had been rather ragged, but when Cambridge really got going in the second half, the Scotsmen appeared to go all to pieces, and they were rather badly overrun. The visitors' weakness lay mainly in the inside section of the back division, where the cleverness of J. A. Tallent and L H. Collison, the two Cambridge centre "threes," so outwitted the Scots that time and again the defence was riddled by the brainy tactics of these two players.

Some credit, however, must be given to J. H. L. Phillips, the Weymouth Freshman at Trinity Hall, who was played at outside half for the first time in the Varsity fifteen, and who fed his third line accurately and well. F. W. Simpson, Trinity Hall, who partnered him at the base of the scrum, also gave a good account of himself, and it is an interesting fact that this is the first time that a pair of half-backs from Trinity Hall have been included in a Light Blue team.

On the Cambridge right wing the old Blue and International R. W. Smeddle was in good form, and often showed a clean pair of heels to C. E. W. Macintosh, the Scottish flyer, who was his opposite number. The burly H. E. Carris, however, on the other wing, was too well marked by R. M. Findlay, and was never allowed to get very far when in possession. J. G. Askew, the Cambridge full back, did some brilliant punting, and was clearly better than R. W. Langrish on the other side. Askew was also in better form at placing his goals, and converted four of the tries that were scored by his side.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—J. G. Askew (Durham and Emmanuel); R. W. Smeddle (Durham and St Cath rine's), L. A. Collison (Mill Hill and St. John's), J. A. Tallent (Sherborne and Clare), and H. E. Carris (Mill Hill and St. John's); J. H. Phillips (Weymouth and Trinity Hall) and F. W. Simpson (Merchant Taylors and Trinity Hall); J. J. A. Embleton (St. Paul's and Caius), P. W. P. Brook (Whitgift and Emmanuel), D. M. Marr (Fetes and Caius), G. M. Greenwood (Rugby and Christ's), G. E. Valentine (Bishop's S'ortford and St. Catharine's), J. G. Watherston (Sedbergh and Corpus Christi), H. B. Johnstone (New Zealand and St. Catharine's), and C. H. Williams (Bedford Modern and Jesus).

LONDON SCOTTISH.—R. W. Langrish; C. E. M. Macintosh N. C. W. Green, A. Geddis, and R. M. Findlay; A. C. C Miers and W. A. Syme; W. M. Roughead K. M. Wright, D. H. Simson, D. J. Maemyn, R. R. F. McLennan, R. S. Walker, J. C. Miller, and D. A. Thom.

OLD ALLEYNIANS FINE WORK.

TOO GOOD FOR BLACKHEATH.

GUY'S HARD PRESSED.

Blackheath 3 pts., Old Alleynians 18.

The Old Alleynians continued to show excellent form when they met Blackheath at the Rectory Field.

The Old Boys started well, and Pettifer scored for them early on, Stark converting the try. Then Douty obtained an unconverted Blackheath try. A fine run by Bishop was the next noteworthy incident. The game was evenly contested this half, each side attacking in turn.

In the second half Miller had a clear course to the Blackheath line, but knocked on. A minute later he scored an unconverted try, after Heppenstall had converted an Old Boys' try scored by Spark. Prytz obtained another, which Spark converted from an awkward angle.

The game was a pleasure to watch, and must have given the crowd a great deal of satisfaction. There was never a dull moment, and, although on the number of points Blackheath looked to have had a substantial defeat, the result was, in fact, flattering to the victors. Two of their tries were in the nature of presents, a feeble pass by a Heathen back within a few yards of his own goal line being snapped up by an enterprising Alleynian with full profit to his side in each case.

Where the Alleynians were vastly superior was in footwork, and the manner in which they got out of apparently dangerous positions and went down the field with the ball at their toes was quite thrilling. It demonstrated the value in such conditions of "feet," especially of the skilled and controlled variety. In this phase of the game Stark, Heppenstall, and Pettifer were ever prominent, and the swift following up and tackling of all the forwards—a feature of their game—prevented the Club backs from ever becoming really dangerous.

Getting the ball out of the scrum eight times out of ten ought to have given the home side a winning advantage, but there was little thrust anywhere. Passing there was in plenty, short, sharp, and accurate, but there was always an Old Boy to tackle the final man with the ball before he could get clear.

The best of the Blackheath backs was H. C. Douty, a dashing winger with a fine turn of speed and an eye for the punt ahead, which gave him the only try secured by his side. Bishop was in receipt of too much attention ever to become effective, and the golden-haired Roberts was for like reason unable to show himself more than a man of promise. Still, the Club backs were always swinging the ball about with refreshing freedom and enterprise, and they had such a large share of that portion of the play that it was a real surprise when the Old Boys, having made the game safe, successfully indulged in one of the best bouts of the afternoon. Stark added to his other good work two well-placed goals.

Blackheath had not a strong side, most of their leading players being engaged in Paris to-day.

GUY'S SAVE THE GAME.

Guy's Hospital 9 pts., Old Blues 7.

Guy's Hospital, who have been in excellent form recently, found the Old Blues a severer proposition than had been anticipated. But it must be said that the Hospital back division was reorganised owing to the absence of Windsor Lewis, in the Welsh Trial, and A. G. Johnson, injured. It was early evident the rearranged three-quarter line lacked thrust, and for the greater part of the opening half the Hospital were busy repelling persistent attacks by the visitors. Near the interval Oliver cleverly dropped a goal for the Old Blues.

A splendid run by Geisen ended in that player scoring an unconverted try for Guy's two minutes after the resumption, but for a long period afterwards the Old Blues attacked, their backs showing much more thrust than Guy's, and the backing up was far superior. Neilson and Mathias were often prominent in the Old Blues' three-quarter line. Pearce kicked a penalty goal for them, but Thomas ran well for Guy's, to send in Lashmore for a try, and Hogbin added another.

OLD WESTCLIFFIANS WIN.

Old Westcliffians 6 pts., Grays 3.

The Old Westcliffians beat Grays at South Belfairs. Bad weather spoilt what would have been a very fine game Most of the work fell to the forwards, the Old Westcliffians' back being rather superior. The slippery ball caused the three-quarters to miss most of the opportunities. The Old Westcliffians opened the scoring with a try by Weatherly between the posts, but this kick was rushed down. Grays rushed the ball through from an interception, Jones scoring an unconverted try. Weatherly scored the final try with a brilliant run from the half-way line.

ANOTHER WIN FOR STAINES.

Staines 28 pts., Old Mid-Whitgiftians 6.

Staines met new opponents in the Old Mid-Whitgiftians and defeated them on their own ground by 28 points to 6. It was twenty minutes before Sirkett crossed for the home side, and this score was added to shortly afterwards by Close. Virgo obtained a third try before half-time. Soon after the resumption, the visitors got more together, and Bonney scored in the corner. This seemed to worry Staines, and Saunders scored another try for the visitors, neither was converted.

Staines got more of the ball, and their "threes" completed excellent moves for Simpson to cross three times. The latter player converted five of the six tries converted by Staines.

RUGBY WORN DOWN.

Rugby 3 pts., U.C.S. Old Boys 7.

The splendid defence of the U.C.S. Old Boys won them their game at Rugby. Rugby did nearly all the attacking. Their forwards controlled the scrums, and Lissamer and Facer opened out nicely, but their three-quarters, although fast and handling well, were too closely ma-ked to do much damage. Brown scored a breakaway tr for the Old Boys, which Wilson failed to convert. Smith scored a typical try for Rugby, after Howell and Birch had cut through cleverly. Towards the end, when Rugby were beginning to tire, Mackenzie drop-ed a fine goal for the Old Boys from medium range.

ESHER IN A SCORING MOOD.

Esher 17 pts., Old Brightonians 8.

The playing conditions at Esher in the game with the Old Brightonians favoured the forwards, but, nevertheless, the Esher outsides contributed all the scoring. In all positions Esher showed considerable improvement on the previous Saturday's form. At the interval Esher were 11 points up without reply. The beginning of the second half gave the Old Brightonians a great opportunity, and they scored a converted try and followed this up by another try, Barnard and Stephens being the respective scorers. Esher, however, went ahead and finished very strongly. Esher scored through White (3), Heath (converted own try), and M Roberts.

A KEEN FORWARD STRUGGLE.

Old Haileyburians 3 pts., Old Dunstonians 0.

An excellent game was seen at Broxbourne at the end of which the Haileyburians had won by one try to nil. In the first half there was no score, and play was mostly confined to the forwards. After change of ends Venables scored a try after a forward rush, but the place kick failed. The Dunstonians attacked repeatedly towards the end, but failed to score. For them E. D. Murrell, as wing-forward, was excellent, as was Morris in the forward rushes. Waghorn, Walker, and Richards tackled splendidly, while the kicking of Scholbread at full-back for the winners was outstanding.

WASPS SCORE FREELY.

Wasps 34 pts., Old Emanuel 0.

Old Emanuel visited Sudbury, but were no match for the Wasps, who ran out winners by two goals and eight tries to nil. The Wasps' outsides handled well and were too fast and too clever for their visitors, who relied almost entirely on their forwards. Meadows, Stevens, Compton, and Bruford scored in the first half and Garbutt improved one of the tries. Meadows (3), Compton, Wieley, and Broughton went over during the second half, and Hopkins kicked one goal. Five players made attempts at goal-kicking.

CHATHAM SERVICES BEATEN.

U.S. (Chatham) 3 pts., H.A.C. 6.

The H.A.C. won a well-contested game at Chatham against the United Services by the narrow margin of two tries to one try. The ground was slippery. The H.A.C. scored two tries in the opening half through Cook, their left-wing three-quarter. After the interval Patch crossed for the Services.

WELSH TRIAL.

PROBABLES' WIN AFTER POOR START.

ONE-SIDED GAME.

Probables 25 pts., Possibles 8.

Great interest was shown in the Welsh Trial match, when the Probables beat the Possibles at Cardiff in the presence of 10,000.

The Probables, who included twelve of the team which defeated France last season, were disappointing early on, but later improved. Arthur (Neath) and Thomas (Mountain Ash) scored tries, and subsequently Arthur added another, which Windsor Lewis converted. Near the interval Vickary crossed for the Possibles, Bayliss converting.

The Probables resumed without E. Thomas, who was injured just before the interval, Dan Jones (Neath) playing instead. The Probables now displayed more dash, Windsor Lewis, Dan Jones, Lemon, and Skym adding tries, Guy Morgan converting the last. Rice Evans added a try for the Possibles, who were outplayed in this half.

The game served its purpose in revealing the form of most of the players who are likely to be chosen to play against England at Twickenham in January. In the first place, there can be little doubt, barring accidents, that W. C. Powell and Windsor Lewis will be the half-backs. They played with perfect understanding, and it was very pleasing to see Powell's improved service from the scrum and his adroitness in picking up in the loose, followed by swift transfers to his backs. He and his partner were the two outstanding backs, and their combination reached a very high standard indeed.

T. Scourfield at full-back also enhanced his reputation, and on this form will run Jack Bassett a hard race for the position. He never put a foot wrong from beginning to end, and his fielding and kicking were really delightful. In the centre Guy Morgan was the most resourceful of a moderate three-quarter line, and he simply revelled in the opportunities given him by Windsor Lewis when he broke through the Possibles' defence with his puzzling, deceptive swerves.

C. Axford and L. C. Jenkins were completely overshadowed by Powell and Lewis, and are out of the hunt for honours. There were two very fien packs of forwards on view, and the selectors will have to think hard when they come to make their final choice.

After his great displays with the British touring team down under, Ivor Jones is bound to be considered, and Tom Arthur and Arthur Lemon on this form cannot be overlooked. W. G. O. Morgan, of Newport, who came into the Probables as a reserve, impressed as the best forward in the side. He was honest and tireless as a scrummager, and was always well up with the ball in the open. Archie Skym, of Cardiff, was another forward of distinction, and can hardly fail to retain his place in the Welsh team.

Of the wing men, Dan Jones, of Neath, who was called upon as an emergency man in the second half, was the pick of the four, but J. C. Morley and Ronny Boon are the most likely candidates for the two flank positions, although neither of them played in this game. The superiority of the Probables in all places of play was convincing.

EXCITING STRUGGLE AT BRADFORD.

Bradford 0 pts., Rosslyn Park 0.

A thousand spectators had much to enjoy in the visit of Rosslyn Park to Bradford. In a rousing first half, the defences proved better than the attacks, and no scoring was the result. well at Leicester, and rather upset their strong the greasy ball, but the great feature was the brilliant play by the full-backs, Bonner (Bradford) and Hunt (Rosslyn Park).

The game in the second half was the finest seen in Bradford for many years. At first both teams tried to play the open game, but, beaten by the greasy ball and ground, the issue was left to the forwards. Bradford showed the better form in the concluding stages, which were fought in semi-darkness and torrential rain, but were unable to penetrate the solid Park defence, and a pointless draw was a fitting result.

SWANSEA SURPRISED BY CARDIFF.

Swansea 9 pts., Cardiff 11.

Tremendous interest was centred in the visit of Cardiff to Swansea, and some 9,000 attended in fine weather. H. M. Bowcock, who appeared for Cardiff unexpectedly, gave a dashing display, and scored a brilliant try, which Cravos converted. This was in the first five minutes, and had an unsettling effect on Swansea, whose defence was somewhat at sea. Bowcock added to the home side's discomfiture by running in with a second try following some clever Cardiff passing. Dai Parker, who was also making his first appearance for his club since the New Zealand tour, kicked a penalty goal for Swansea, who had to defend mostly in a fast and bright game. At half-time the visitors were leading by 8 points to 3.

G. V. Jones scored for Cardiff soon after the resumption, following a fine opening by Bowcott. Swansea thereupon launched vigorous attacks, but suffered from faulty passing. D. Parker, however, reduced the deficit with a well-placed penalty goal, while Ball narrowly missed with a dropped goal after scrambling play. A. Hill scored Swansea's first try, but Parker failed with the kick. Swansea now attacked continuously amidst excitement, but the Cardiff defence held.

LEYTONSTONE'S SCRAPPY GAME.

Ealing 9 pts., Leytonstone 9.

Leytonstone visited Ealing, and a scrappy game ended in a draw, each side scoring 9 points. Leytonstone started well, and a forward rush ended in R. F. Davey going over for a try. Ealing replied through A. J. Gillespie with a penalty goal. Leytonstone attacked again, and Davey got over from a line out. In the second half H. M. Roseman put in a clever run to level the scores again. Afterwards Lewis and Carroll took the ball to the Ealing line, where F. A. Wilsmore dribbled over between the posts. For the third time Ealing equalised the scores when a good passing movement ended in F. Hoar crossing. For Ealing, W. F. Gipps, W. T. Hodson, A. J. Gillespie, C. Peters, P. Culverhouse, and H. F. Franey played well, while for Leytonstone F. A. Willsmore, W. F. M. Lewis, R. F. Davey, H. Whitcombe, and K. Hay were prominent.

STREATHAM WELL BEATEN.

Streatham 8 pts., Bank of England 24.

Streatham, playing at home, opened well against the Bank of England. They gained an eight-points lead in the first twenty minutes through a penalty kick by Lawson and a try by Crofts, which Lawson converted. The Bank equalised through Gillet and Smith. In the second half the Bank, by quicker and cleverer heeling both in the set scrums and the loose, got more of the ball. Streatham, though they defended stubbornly, were unable to stave off defeat. Taylor, cutting through, put Smith over. Three more tries by Chadder, Gillet, and Taylor followed, and two of these were improved by Chadder.

MIDLAND BANK'S HARD GAME.

Midland Bank 3 pts., R.A.F. (Henlow) 6.

In a game, in which the ball was difficult to handle, R.A.F. (Henlow) defeated the Midland Bank at New Beckenham by two tries to one. Though the Bank pressed for considerable periods in the opening half, Brereton, shortly before the interval, broke his way through to score an unconverted try for the R.A.F. The second half was keenly contested, both packs putting in a lot of hard work. McLean, who was outstanding throughout, added another try for the R.A.F., and following a forward rush, Masters replied for the Midland Bank. A feature of the match was the sound work of Herbert, the scrum-half of Midland Bank. Towards the end of the game Goldsmith, the Bank full-back, had t retire injured.

BANK TEAMS WELL MATCHED.

N.P. Bank 9 pts., Chartered Bank 9.

The meeting of the National Provincial Bank and Chartered Bank was productive of a keen and rousing game, which ended in a draw. For the National, Stannard kicked a penalty goal, and King and Thompson scored tries. The Chartered three tries came from Bannerman (two) and Houghton. The forwards on both sides played well, National Provincial getting the better of the deal. Unfortunately, the ball did not get out, and when it did the marking of Chartered backs prevented further progress. The wet state of the ball made accurate passing difficult, and the defence of both sides was a feature of the game.

CAMBRIDGE TOWN OUTPLAYED.

Woodford 32 pts., Cambridge Town 0.

Cambridge Town were completely outclassed at Woodford Green, Woodford winning by four goals and four tries to nil. C. D. Walker-Arnott scored four tries, others to score being Wickes, Seward, Klein, and Jolly. Klein converted four tries.

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TAYLORS' WIN AT LEICESTER.

HEAVY DEFEAT FOR BART'S.

MILLHILLIANS ON TOP.

Leicester 3 pts., Old Merchant Taylors 8.

The Old Merchant Taylors got off the mark well at Leicester, and rather upset their strong opponents. Bywater made a brilliant run for the Taylors in the opening stages, but the defence was sound. Greenlees went through cleverly and scored for Leicester, but Bywater replied with a try for the Taylors, which Tebbutt converted. Leicester attacked strongly, and pressed on the line, but Greenlees missed an easy chance for a penalty goal.

Leicester were winning all the scrummages in the second half, but their backs could make no headway against the splendid defence of the Taylors. A great movement by the visitors ended in Turnbull scoring a fine try. Leicester attacked fiercely in the closing stages, but could find no opening in a brilliant defence.

CASUALTIES IN BART'S MATCH.

Pontypool 25 pts., St. Bart's Hospital 3.

At Pontypool the visit of St. Bart's proved a great attraction, some 3,000 people being present. Although Pontypool were without Bayliss and Axford, playing in the Welsh trial, they had the best of the game, and tries were scored by Woolley (2), Bodger, and Cormack. Woolley and Mann converted one each. Pontypool were continuously attacking, and handled a greasy ball creditably. Jayne made the opening for two of the tries.

In scoring a brilliant try in the second half, Bodger fractured a collar bone, and Johns, a home forward, left with a torn ear. Woolley scored two more tries for Pontypool, and Petty an excellent one for the Hospital. Curtiss, the Hospital wing, left with concussion.

OLD PAULINES' STOUT DEFENCE.

Old Millhillians 16 pts., Old Paulines 3.

In a splendidly contested match at Headstone Lane Old Millhillians beat Old Paulines The Old Millhillians owed their victory to their skill behind the scrummage, where Spong made some fine openings for his backs. The Old Pauline pack rendered their side good service and gained ground by forward rushes.

Stockman got a try for Old Millhillians early in the first half. Then Meikle scored two tries in quick succession for Old Millhillians, Cavagham kicking the two goals. Crossing over with a lead of 13 points, Old Millhillians did all the attacking, but were only once able to break through the magnificent defence of the Old Paulines, when Stockman got another try. Just before "no side," Salmons, after an excellent run, scored the Old Paulines' only try.

IRISH WIN AGAIN.

London Irish 6 pts., Civil Service 0.

After a pointless first half, London Irish had to work hard to beat the Civil Service by 2 tries to 0 at Motspur Park. It was a dour struggle between the opposing packs, the ball being too wet and slippery for accurate handling by the back divisions.

The Civil Service forwards held their weightier opponents in fine style, but London Irish might have crossed more often but for the fine work of I. John, the Civil Service full-back. Time and again John cleared from dangerous situations, and his kicking was vigorous and accurate.

Just after half-time S. I. Coote, on the left wing, secured the ball, and, with a rare turn of speed, scored for London Irish in the corner. Shortly afterwards P. A. Gunner wove his way through a mass of Civil Service forwards to give J. A. Savage an opening, and the latter made no mistake, but B. A. Barr missed an easy goal kick.

HOSPITAL PACK TO THE FORE.

Old Cranleighans 3 pts., London Hospital 6.

London Hospital beat the Old Cranleighans at Thames Ditton by one goal to one try, and were fortunate in this result. The game did not produce good football, in fact casual observers might have imagined they were watching a needle match in the Hospital Cup. However, the shock tactics of the Hospital forwards enabled them in the first half to overwhelm the O.C.'s pack, who failed to produce the form which a week before beat Old Paulines. The O.C.s scored first by R. R. Reeve, from an opening made by C. Lambert, to which London replied almost immediately with a good individual try by H. Samson, which was converted by J. P. Reidy. There was no score in the second half, although O.C.s had most of the game.

EDGWARE'S GOOD WIN.

Edgware 15 pts., Burton-on-Trent 0.

On a heavy ground, Edgware, playing at home, defeated Burton-on-Trent by two goals (one dropped) and two tries to nil. The only score in an even first half was by Daniel, following a forward rush. Edgware pressed throughout the second half. Nash dropped a splendid goal from forty yards, and Howard sent Mahoney across for a try, which was converted. Evans dribbled over for the final try.

POLICE STILL UNBEATEN.

Metropolitan Police 12 pts., Upper Clapton 6.

Upper Clapton failed to lower the unbeaten record of the Metropolitan Police when they visited Imber Court, a fierce game ending in a win for the police by four tries to two tries. The game was unfortunately marred by an accident to Hurrell, of the Police, who broke a leg during the first half. The first ten minutes went in favour of the visitors, but after that the very fine Police pack, playing a great game, took command of the game, and scored two good tries through Jenkins. The second half was contested at a fast pace, Upper Clapton playing up magnificently and scoring through King and Clarke Lens. The Police replied again through Jenkins, and in the last minute an interception and a great run by Stone gave them their last try.

UNLUCKY LLOYDS BANK.

Lloyds Bank 3 pts., Exiles 5.

Exiles defeated Lloyds Bank at New Beckenham by a goal to a try. Lloyds had hard luck, missing an easy penalty and hitting the post with a drop kick. Lloyds had most of the game, nearly winning after losing Hodges, who was hurt early in the second half while scoring a try. Exiles scored after a quick breakaway by the forwards. Lloyds' backs did much good handling in spite of the heavy ball. Judd, full-back for Lloyds, was very good, and Cockerill, inside-half, played a very plucky game. White was a prominent forward.

RUGBY CLUB RECORDS.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.
Aberavon	9	4	1	4	66	52
Bank of England	6	4	0	2	83	46
Bath	10	4	2	4	102	73
Bedford	7	6	0	1	104	32
Blackheath	10	3	1	6	96	95
Bradford	9	5	2	2	121	110
Bristol	7	7	0	0	103	30
Cambridge Univ.	5	4	0	1	144	43
Cardiff	19	7	4	8	156	174
Catford Bridge	10	5	0	5	89	129
Civil Service	6	1	1	4	31	80
Coventry	10	8	0	2	166	73
Devonport S.	8	2	1	5	65	76
Esher	7	4	1	2	62	52
Exiles	8	7	0	1	174	34
Gloucester	10	4	3	3	111	70
Guy's Hospital	7	4	0	3	116	71
Harlequins	6	5	0	1	129	57
Harrow	7	4	0	3	56	33
H.A.C.	7	4	0	3	69	77
K.C.S. Old B.	6	4	0	2	91	70
Leicester	9	5	1	3	111	72
Leytonstone	8	4	1	3	105	88
Llanelly	9	6	2	1	98	27
Lloyds Bank	6	3	1	2	59	36
London Hosp.	6	4	0	2	49	35
L.C.C.	4	1	2	1	22	19
London Irish	6	5	0	1	69	15
London Scottish	6	2	0	4	51	144
London Welsh	7	4	1	2	94	26
Neath	10	6	0	4	127	60
Newport	12	7	3	2	145	76
Northampton	9	4	0	5	107	100
O. Alleyians	6	3	0	3	80	65
O. Blues	8	2	0	6	55	106
O. Cranl'hans	7	4	0	3	84	96
O. Dunstonians	6	0	0	6	9	98
O. Leysians	6	1	0	5	34	99
O.M. Taylors	6	4	0	2	68	52
O. Millhillians	6	3	0	3	63	80
O. Paulines	8	6	0	2	92	76
O. Whitgiftians	6	5	0	1	102	39
Oxford Univ.	5	4	0	1	76	42
Plymouth Alb.	9	8	0	1	117	53
Pontypool	12	9	2	1	136	50
Richmond	7	2	0	5	74	106
Rosslyn Pk.	8	5	1	2	83	44
St. Bart.'s H.	7	1	0	6	36	122
Staines	6	5	0	1	178	20
Streatham	7	0	0	7	41	139
Swansea	9	5	0	4	123	54
Toc H.	7	7	0	0	155	18
U.S. Chatham	7	2	0	5	78	100
U.S. Portsmouth	7	2	2	3	78	79
U.C.S. Old B.	7	3	0	4	101	62
Upper Clapton	7	1	0	6	78	85
Wasps	8	8	0	0	176	18
Westminster Bk.	7	2	1	4	38	62
Woodford	8	4	0	4	97	51

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RUGBY.

Harrow School 3 pts., Stowe School 14.

In a strenuous game at Harrow, Stowe beat Harrow by a goal and three tries to a try. Stowe were the superior side, especially in the first half. After the interval, with two of their forwards, P. G. Roberts and J. M. Blandy, off the field through injuries, Harrow made a great effort, Stowe being on the defensive for long spells. During the last fifteen minutes the ball hardly left the Stowe 25. Stowe were more impressive in their handling, while Harrow too often fumbled their passes. The Stowe three-quarters were speedy. O. C. Browning, the captain and scrum-half, played an inspiring game for Harrow; D. O. Couper was outstanding in the pack, and C. D. van Namen strengthened the three-quarter line. Both full-backs kicked well, and R. E. Blandford gave a good display at scrum-half for Stowe. In the first half Wilberforce, running well, got over for Stowe. Soon afterwards Salamon touched down behind the posts, I. W. Macpherson converting. E. J. de Las Casas put C. D. van Namen through to score Harrow's only try, and just before half-time Wilberforce obtained another try for Stowe. Harrow played with determination in the second half without being able to score. They had bad luck when P. J. Lewis hit one of the posts from a penalty kick. Following a hard struggle, Salamon scored Stowe's last try. After the match Browning awarded "Lions" to de Las Casas and Duckworth.

Bedford School 6 pts., Leys School 0.

After a good game Bedford School defeated their visitors, Leys School, by two tries to nil. The home side had most of the ball, but they missed many chances through faulty passing. On the other hand, Bedford's tackling was surer and their forwards backed up better. Wise scored the first try from an opening made by Pearson, and the latter was again prominent when Fowler added the second. Bedford pressed towards the end, but good relieving kicks from Leys prevented further scoring.

Marlborough College 3 pts., Clifton Club 9.

Marlborough College entertained a strong—and much heavier—side representing the Clifton Club. The visitors won by 9 points to 3, but the College made them play hard for their victory. Clifton started strongly, but a fine run by Gladstone gave the College a respite. Clifton took the lead with a try, gained by C. Smith. The splendid tackling and kicking by Gladstone was a feature of the second half. A creditable punt by a full-back obtained another try for the visitors. A fine run by the forwards resulted in Tavener getting three points for Marlborough, and Seamer narrowly failed to convert. Towards the end of the game Hall scored for Clifton, but the kick failed. Parker was in fine form at back for the College.

Tonbridge School 5 pts., Sherborne 31.

By defeating Tonbridge School at Tonbridge by two goals and seven tries to one goal, Sherborne proved that their victory over Marlborough the previous week was no flash in the pan. Rain fell throughout the game, but despite these adverse conditions, Sherborne handled beautifully, and most of their tries resulted from clever passing movements. The forwards, too, were good both in the tight and the loose, and well served by the halves, the visiting backs had matters all their own way. Sherborne led by one goal and two tries to one goal at half-time, and in the second half crossed the Tonbridge line on six occasions. R. C. S. Dick (3), D. D. P. Sungly (2), C. W. Lyle, P. L. Candler, C. C. Mallock and G. D. Lean scored tries for the winners, J. H. Bowman converting two. W. D. Dinnis dribbled over for Tonbridge and B. L. Gunnell kicked the goal.

Rugby 5 pts., Old Rugbeians 9.

Rugby School were beaten by the Old Rugbeians on the School ground by three tries to a placed goal. The Old Rugbeians were the better team in the second half. Play, on the whole, was inclined to be scrappy. The School three-quarters handled safely and the whole side worked hard. Thomas, at back, was cool and reliable, and saved his side on several occasions. The tackling on both sides was keen. Williams, shortly after the start, put in a great run and passed for Churchill to score for the Old Rugbeians. After give and take play, Moyland, running strongly, started a movement which ended in Lancaster crossing for Thomas to convert. In the second half Collis and Dean each, from a scramble, scored in the corner. Collis, for the winners, led his men finely and was well backed up by Williams, Evers, Davies and Dean.

Oundle School 8 pts., St. George's Hospital 5.

At Oundle, the School won their sixth match by beating St. George's Hospital by one goal and one try to one goal. It was a fine game. At half-time there was no score, though the Hospital had the best of the play. After the resumption, J. J. E. Coats scored a brilliant try, for K. C. Fyfe to convert. H. L. Lewis shortly after scored a runaway try, which was converted by R. A. Lewis. Oundle made a great effort, and after a sustained passing move, N. N. Hogg obtained the winning try.

Worksop Coll. 19 pts., St. Peter's, York, 8.

The meeting of Worksop and St. Peter's on on the former's ground produced a fast game. Worksop were leading at half-time by 5 points to 3. Heath scored for Worksop, McLennan converting, and Hill scored for York. In the second half Heath scored three times, and Blackmore once, McLennan kicking one goal. Webster scored for the visitors in the closing stages.

St. George's School 28 pts., Harpenden Extra A 0.

The School easily defeated Harpenden, scoring 28 points to nil The scorers were Nelson (three), Tyson (two), King, Church, and Proctor. The ground was heavy, but plenty of open play was seen. St. George's pack, though outweighted, welded better, and their threes had more opportunities and made ground every time. Bard and Bond, as winging forwards, did good work for Harpenden, and gave Nelson at scrum-half less freedom than he usually gets.

Dover College 5 pts., Blackheath Extra A 6.

Dover College lost to Blackheath by 6 points to 5. Heavy rain throughout the game made the conditions impossible for fast back play. This was rather to the advantage of the College, whose backs were slower than their opponents. There was little to choose between the two packs. Both brought off some excellent wheels and dribbles from the tight scrums, though the club actually got more of the ball. The College were the first to score through Trail, whose try was converted by Aylwin. Blackheath replied not long after with a try in the left-hand corner. In the second half the Club scored from a forward rush

Brighton Coll. 0 pts., London Scottish A 8.

A heavy ground and wet ball made the conditions bad at Brighton in the match between the College and London Scottish A. It was a keen forward game, in which the College pack did well. In the first half McLaren scored for the Scottish after a forward rush. Soon after the interval the College lost Bartlett, their best three-quarter, but, nevertheless, pressed, and looked like equalising till Adams ran in and Flett converted.

Merchant Taylors School 6 pts., St. Paul's 3.

Merchant Taylors won a close game at West Kensington by 2 tries to 1 try. St. Paul's scored a scrambling try through K. Evans early in the first half, but a sound defence afterwards kept them out, G. A. Lepingwell being especially prominent with some fine tackling. The Taylors' forwards, although slightly outweighted, played wonderfully well in the second half, and virtually won the match for their side. J. I. Hamilton scored their first try following a breakaway by R. C. Fletcher, and F. J. Kennedy made the score 6—3 with a good effort.

Mill Hill 8 pts., Old Millhillians A 6.

Mill Hill School beat their Old Boys A at Mill Hill by a goal and a try to two tries. The School forwards more than held their own against a heavier pack. C. S. Darke led his forwards well. The backs had few chances. E. P. Morley and J. D. Bevington scored for the School, E. W. Blackwell converting one try. D. G. Petts scored two tries for the Old Millhillians.

Clifton 6 pts., Cheltenham 0.

On a heavy ground at Clifton, the School, who were superior in all departments, except tackling, beat Cheltenham by two tries, scored by E. M. Bambridge and N. S. Merrett, to nothing. The Clifton passing was excellent, but the visitors' tackling was sound. Cheltenham lost the services of E. H. Lloyd, their right centre, early in the first h", but they were outplayed at half by G. S. C. Darlington and Rankin.

Uppingham 6 pts., Haileybury 0,

Uppingham beat Haileybury at Uppingham by two tries to nil. It was a scrambling game, no fewer than nine free kicks being given against the visitors for off side in the first quarter of an hour. For the winners, who were much faster outside, E. M. Doxford scored a try in the first half, and J. M. Hamilton after the interval.

RUGBY RESULTS.

WELSH INTERNATIONAL TRIAL.

Probables	25	Possibles	8

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Cumberland	29	Northumberland	19
Lancashire	5	Cheshire	3
Yorkshire	3	Durham	0

CLUB MATCHES.

Richmond	0	Oxford Univ.	16
Harlequins	5	Bristol	12
Cambridge U.	39	London Scottish	5
Bedford	3	Coventry	11
Bradford	0	Rosslyn Park	0
Bridgwater A.	6	Bath	3
Devonport Services	0	Plymouth Albion	[illegible]
Gloucester	0	Llanelly	0
Newport	17	Neath	0
Penarth	11	Aberavon	[illegible]
Pontypool	25	St. Bart's Hosp.	3
Swansea	9	Cardiff	11
U. Services (Portsmth)	5	Northampton	[illegible]
Glas. Acads.	19	Edin. Acads.	[illegible]
Royal H. Sch.	8	Watsonians	[illegible]
R.C. de France	6	Blackheath	[illegible]
Bridgend	13	O.U. Greyhounds	[illegible]
Wasps Ex. A	13	Saracens B	10
Wasps Ex. C	5	Saracens D	3
Woodford	32	Camb. Town	0
Woodford A	0	Chelmsford	3
Woodford Ex. A	6	Char. Accs.	3
Woodford B	3	Eaton Manor	17
Woodford C	3	Wimbledon A	3
Wasps Ex. B	14	Saracens C	8
Sutton Ex. C	9	L.C.C. C	21
Polytechnic A.	24	Malden A	3
Polytechnic B	9	St. Thomas' C.	17
Polytechnic Ex. B	12	Toc H. C.	0
Polytechnic C	6	Times	9
Harrow	19	Barnet	0
Harrow A	18	Barnet A	0
Harrow Ex. A	18	Barnet B	0
Harrow B	11	Standard Tel. A	5
Harrow Ex. B	14	Barnet C	0
Harrow C	3	Standard Tel. B	28
Esher Ex. A	0	Kingston	12
L.C.C. B	8	Sutton B	19
London Irish	6	Civil Service	0
Southend	14	South American Banks	0
Southend B	3	Ilford Wanderers B	13
Sidcup	5	West Herts	3
West Herts A	5	Sidcup A	11
West Herts B	8	Sidcup B	12
Finchley A	5	Royal Sch. of Mines A	6
L.R.B. C.	3	Surrey Yeomanry A	19
Tunbridge Wells	0	Darenth	0
Tunbridge Wells A	8	Seaford College	0
Stand. Bk. of S.A. A	6	Surrey Yeomanry	42
Chartered Acctants. B	0	Finchley Extra B	23
Saracens	27	Tonbridge	10
University Coll. Lond.	3	London Irish A	18
Metropolitan Police	12	Upper Clapton	6
Maidstone	9	Beckenham	14
Beckenham A	32	Maidstone A	6
Beckenham Ex. A	22	Maidstone Ex. A	16
Q.W. & C.S. Rifles A	0	West. Bank Ex. C	18
H.A.C.	6	U.S. (Chatham)	3
H.A.C. A	24	London Scottish A	5
H.A.C. B	10	Tunbridge B	3
H.A.C. C	0	Toc H Ex. B.	6
H.A.C. C	12	R.C. of Science C	3
Polytechnic Ex. A	37	Malden B	0
L.C.C.	0	Birkbeck College	0
Napier	4	Lyons	0
R.M.C. (Sandhurst)	6	R.N.C. (Greenwich)	8
R.A.F. T.S. (Manston)	0	Thanet Wands.	36
B.T.H. (London)	3	South-West Essex	8
L.R.B. B	3	St. Barts' Hospital B	26
Lloyds Bank	3	Exiles	5
Exiles A	6	Lloyds Bank B	5
Midland Bank	3	R.A.F. (Henlow)	6
Midland Bank A	8	Civil Service A	12
Bank of England A	25	Streatham A	0
Bank of England B	3	Streatham B	8
Britannic House	8	Wimbledon	10
Trojans	4	Rest of Hampshire	9
London Welsh	8	Westminster Bank	0
R.N.V.R.	0	L.R.B. A	10
Charlton Park	3	Park House	6
Chart. Accountants A	16	Artists Rifles B	3
Lazard	12	Alliance	3
Lensbury	30	Twickenham	6
Tonbridge A	3	Saracens A	3
Ealing	9	Leytonstone	9
Ealing B	3	Leytonstone B	3
L.C.C. B.	8	Sutton B	19
Honor Oak Park	8	Cuaco	0
Cuaco A	3	Honor Oak Park A	25
Hastings and Bexhill	4	Worthing	6
Northern Assurance	11	Sun Life of Canada	5
Army Education Sch.	5	Canterbury	6
Beckenham B	22	Maidstone A	16
Chelsea Polytechnic	3	Beckenham Ex. A	8
City and Guilds	9	Mid Herts	0
Kildare	11	British Celanese	0
R.A.F. (Hornchurch)	3	Chelmsford A	3
Barclays Bank	14	Centymca	3
Barclays Bank B	14	Centymca Ex. A	0
Lloyds Bank D	12	Bramtoco	5
Sutton	6	Guildford	7
Guildford A	8	Sutton A	0
Guildford Ex. A	14	Law Society B	0
Guildford B	28	Artists' Rifles C	0
Chiltern	3	Blackheath Ex. A	18
Athlon	17	Kingston A	0
N.P. Bank	9	Char. Bank of India	9
Char. Bk. of Ind. A	3	N.P. Bank A	15
Edgware	15	Burton-on-Trent	0
Edgware A	3	Architectural Assoc.	4
Royal Masonic Sch.	27	Edgware Ex. A	3
Warlingham Ex. A	24	Sun Life of Can. A.	8
Toc H.	11	Rosslyn Park A	6
P.L.A. A	6	Toc H. Ex. A	9

OLD BOYS' MATCHES.

Blackheath	3	Old Alleynians	18
Guy's Hospital	9	Old Blues	7
Leicester	3	O. M. Taylors	8
Old Whitgiftians	8	Catford Bridge	18
Wasps	34	Old Emanuel	0
Woodford Ex. C	52	Old Whitgiftians VI.	0
Esher	17	Old Brightonians	8
Esher A	3	Old Cranleighans A	6
Esher B	9	Old Cranleighans B	6
Esher C	3	Old Cranleighans C	9
Rugby	3	U.C.S. O. Boys	7
O. Edwardians	3	Old Leysians	0
Thames Valley	18	Old Haberdashers	0
Old Albanians	5	Harpenden	23
Finchley	0	Old Rutlishians	34
Osterley A	42	Old Cranbrookians	0
Osterley Ex. A	9	Old Grammarians A	6
Christ's College O.B.	3	Guy's Hosp. Ex. A	0
Harpenden A	8	Old Albanians A	0
Old Haberdashers A	21	Thames Valley A	3
Thames Valley B	9	Old Haberdashers B	3
Lond. Sch. of Econ.	0	Old Berkhamstedians	17
O.M.T.'s A	7	Old Emanuel A	8
Old Emanuel C	3	Blackheath C	14
Old Westcliffians	6	Grays	3
H.A.C. Ex. C	3	Old Dartfordians C	3
Q.W. and C.S. Rifles	3	O.M.T.'s C	22
Polytechnic	6	O. Colfeians	0
O. Paulines B	20	Mer. Tay. Sch. II.	0
Old Blues D	5	Gaflac	21
Old Edmundians	29	London Irish Ex. A	5
Old Cranleighans	3	London Hospital	5
Old Caterhamians A	6	Lensbury C	8
K.C.S. Old Boys	13	London University	0
Old Whitgiftians A	5	K.C.S. Old Boys A	15
London Dovorians	5	O.M.T.s Extra A	25
Old Alleynians A	17	King's Coll. Hosp. A	0
Old Alleynians B	9	Rosslyn Park B	5
Windsor	6	Old Redingensians	11
Old Haileyburians	3	Old Dunstonians	0
Warlingham	9	Old Tiffinians	11
Chiltern A	0	Old Fullerians A	8
Univ. Coll. Hospital	13	Old Queenians	8
Old Queenians A	5	Univer. Coll. Hosp. A	19
Staines	28	Old Mid-Whitgiftians	6
Old Dunstonians A	32	Charing Cross Hosp.	0
U.C.S. Old Boys A	11	London Hospital A	0
O. Berkh'mstedians A	12	U.C.S. O. Boys Ex. A	16
Park House A	6	Old Caterhamians	11
Sevenoaks	32	Old Haileyburians A	0
National Bk of India	14	Old Citizens	0
Old Citizens A	23	St. Bart's Hosp. C	0

PUBLIC SCHOOL MATCHES.

Bishops Stort Col.	6	O. Stortfordians A	0
Gillingham C. Sch.	17	Maidstone B	5
Maidstone Ex. A	19	Gillingham C. Sch.	3
Herne Bay Col. II.	18	Thanet Wans.	0
Wellingboro' Sch.	2	O. Westminster	4
St. Edward's School	19	Harlequins A	3
Cranleigh School	7	Blackheath A	15
Christ's Hospital	6	Eastbourne College	0
Cranbrook School	9	Sidcup A	15
Dover College	5	Blackheath Ex. A	6
St. John's School, Leatherhead	3	Imp. Service Coll.	3
Kingswood School	24	Kingswood Old Boys	8
City of London Sch.	11	St. Dunstan's Coll.	3
Bedford Modern Sch.	14	Artists' Rifles	14
Sutton Valence School	0	Wasps A.	12
Taunton School	3	Old Tauntonians	0
K. Wm.'s Coll. I.O.M.	53	Liverpool College	3
Leeds G.S.	11	Old Leodiensians	11
Eltham College	3	Old Elthamians	29
Rossall School	11	Waterloo	6
Leighton Park School	45	Courtenay Lodge	0
Abingdon School	3	Magdalen College Sch.	0
Monkton Combe Sch.	11	Wycliffe College	9
St. Edmund's C., Ware	6	St. Albans School	3
Stamford School	47	Nottingham H.S.	0
Blundell's School	3	Downside School	31
Hereford C.S.	14	Hereford A	0
Wellington Coll.	20	Old Wellingtonians	34
Sedbergh School	25	Liverpool	6
Radley College	14	Radley Swallows	21
Giggleswick School	3	St. Bees School	5
King's College School	32	Douai School	4
Trent College	0	Mount St. Mary's C.	3
Wrekin College	0	King's Norton	9
Ratcliffe College	0	Wyggeston School	15
Rydal School	8	Didsbury	0
Canford School	22	Trojans A	0
Bloxham School	3	Old Bloxhamians	8
Llandovery College	6	Swansea Uplands	3
Ellesmere College	6	Birkenhead Park II.	8
Gresham School, Holt	23	Lowestoft	13
Wasps A.	12	Sutton V. Sch.	0

RUGBY LEAGUE MATCHES.

Batley	5	Hull	26
Bradford N.	6	York	8
*Broughton R.	3	Wigan	3
Castleford	3	Widnes	10
Halifax	24	Rochdale H.	0
Hull Kingston Rovers	3	Oldham	5
Keighley	8	Dewsbury	5
Leeds	5	Hunslet	5
Leigh	11	Featherstone R.	3
St. Helens	34	Bramley	14
Swinton	6	Barrow	0
Wakefield T.	4	Huddersfield	8
Warrington	7	St. Helens Rec.	0
*Wigan Highfield	2	Salford	6

* Match abandoned after half-time.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Rain and bad light handicapped the marksmen at Bisley, and the standard of shooting was poor. The North London club held a winter contest, the conditions being 10 shots at 300 and 600 yards, h.p.s. 100 pts. Captain Hughes, who scored 48 at 300 yards, and 47 at 600 yards, won the contest with an aggregate of 95 points.

ORION H.—Six miles match at Chingford: Orion Harriers, 26 points, 1; Bank of England, 29 pts., 2. First six: L. H. Weatherill (Bank) and H. M. Craske (Bank), 35.50, equal 1; D. F. Elgie (Orion H.), 35.59, 3; R. G. Ries (Orion H.) and W. L. Ager (Orion H.). 36.6, equal 4; R. C. Norton (Orion), 36.24, 6.

GOLF.

CAMBRIDGE IN GOOD FORM.

CLOSE FOURSOMES.

Although Worplesdon gained a lead of two points during the Foursomes of their match with Cambridge University at Worplesdon yesterday, the issue was exceedingly close. Each side won a game by a very big margin, two were halved, and the club took the other two on the last green.

One of the encounters which finished all square was the top one wherein the exchanges were always keen. G. Illingworth, a former Cambridge captain, and R. Straker, the Surrey amateur champion, led the club against E. M. Prain and W. H. Bermingham. The match was all square at the turn, but Cambridge became two up at the fifteenth, and were still one up with one to go. Prain and Bermingham were in trouble all the way to the eighteenth green, and Illingworth finally dashed their hopes of winning by getting down a putt of thirty feet for a win, which squared the match.

G. M. Turner and H. L. Carr (Cambridge) won the last hole to halve their match against P. Gold and the Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, while N. A. Keith and H. M. Row (Cambridge) appeared likely to score a point for their side until they lost three holes in a row late in the game. The golf in this encounter, wherein A. J. Peech and J. B. Thomson represented the club, was exceedingly good, the Cantabs being out in 37, yet one down. They went ahead with five holes to play, but then came their landslide, and they were beaten on the last green.

In the last game Cambridge did score a point, D. Drayson and R. S. Fletcher turning six up against J. Longbourne and G. M. Mallaby-Deeley before winning two of the next three holes for an 8 and 6 win.

Cambridge rallied in the afternoon to win the Singles by 7 games to 5 and so square the match at 9 points all. Straker beat Prain in the leading game, and the results of the first six games left Worplesdon with their advantage of two points intact, but the Light Blues had a "tail" which "wagged" effectively. For thirteen holes Straker and Prain had a neck and neck struggle, and the position was then all square. Prain went ahead at the fourteenth and kept his lead for two holes. He overran the green at the seventeenth for the game to be squared, and then pulled his approach to the eighteenth, failed to get up the hill, and finally putted weakly to lose the hole and match.

H. C. Longhurst won the second game, on the last green, against G. D. Roberts, after being four up with five to go, while Drayson and Fletcher, the only Cambridge winners of the morning, each won his Single in the afternoon, Fletcher's 7 and 5 victory over Mallaby-Deeley being almost as emphatic as his side's morning success.

FOURSOMES.—R. Straker and G. Illingworth halved with E. M. Prain (Clare) and W. H. Bermingham (Sidney Sussex); G. D. Roberts and E. A. Tooth (1 up) beat H. C. Longhurst (Clare) and W. C. Carr (Trinity); A. J. Peech and J. B. Thomson (2 up) beat N. A. Keith (Sidney Sussex) and H. M. Row (Jesus); J. I. Spens and E. D. Dickson (5 and 4) beat I. K. McRosty (Clare) and H. W. Higginson (St. John's); P. Gold and the Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe halved with G. M. Turner (St. John's) and H. L. Carr (Trinity); J. Longbourne and G. M. Mallaby-Deeley lost to D. Drayson (Clare) and R. S. Fletcher (Trinity Hall) (8 and 6).

SINGLES.—R. Straker (1 up) beat E. M. Prain; G. D. Roberts lost to H. C. Longhurst (1 up); G. Illingworth lost to W. H. Bermingham (5 and 4); A. J. Peech (5 and 4) beat W. C. Carr; J. I. Spens lost to N. A. Keith (2 and 1); P. Gold (3 and 2) beat I. K. McRosty; E. D. Dickson lost to H. W. Higginson (1 up); E. A. Tooth lost to H. M. Row (5 and 4). The Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe (4 and 3) beat G. M. Turner; J. B. Thomson (6 and 5) beat H. L. Carr; J. Longbourne lost to D. Drayson (3 and 1); G. M. Mallaby-Deeley lost to R. S. Fletcher (7 and 5).

OXFORD IN EXCITING MATCH.

FOURSOMES DEFEAT AT STOKE POGES.

An opportunity of comparing the relative merits of the rival Varsity golf teams was afforded when Oxford University met Stoke Poges on that club's course, near Slough, yesterday. Last week Cambridge defeated the Buckinghamshire club by a margin of seven points, after winning all six Foursomes, but for the match against the Dark Blues the club were represented by a much stronger team, and they took the Foursomes yesterday morning by three games to one, with two matches halved. Heavy rain fell throughout the morning, but the golf, generally, was good.

In the two leading games the Oxonians were heroes of exciting matches. J. P. Marston, the Varsity captain, and J. W. Adams were four down after six holes to A. D. Cave and A. S. Bradshaw, two former captains of Oxford golf, but the Dark Blues' excellent pitching and putting enabled them to square the match at the fourteenth. The Oxonians took the lead for the first time at the seventeenth where they secured a "birdie" four, and they looked certain of securing at least a half at the home hole. Here the local players were bunkered near the green, but Bradshaw played a remarkable shot to within seven feet of the pin, and, although half-stymied, Cave holed the subsequent putt to win the hole in four and halve the match.

A violent "wag" on the part of the Oxford "tail" enabled the Dark Blues to share the singles at six points each, so that Stoke Poges were successful on the day by a margin of two points, the score being 10 to 8. Marston maintained his unbeaten record for the season by halving the top match with Oppenheimer.

The best golf of the day was played by C. K. Cotton, the Stoke Poges secretary, who accomplished the round in 71 strokes, every putt being holed, and beat A. B. Miller by 6 and 4. Cotton was out in 34 and five up. Since his appointment at Stoke Poges twelve months ago, Cotton has never been defeated in a club match.

FOURSOMES.—A. D. Cave and A. S. Bradshaw halved with J. P. Marston (Trinity) and J. W. L. Adams (Balliol); R. H. de Montmorency and R. H. Oppenheimer halved with J. R. Keen (Wadham) and C. Sweeny (Wadham); V. C. Longstaffe and J. D. Read (1 up) beat H. Scheftel (Balliol) and S. Scheftel (Christ Church); C. K. Cotton and E. N. Mobbs (2 and 1) beat A. B. Miller (Wadham) and E. G. Langford (Pembroke); B. L. Rose and A. H. Gold lost to G. ... Loveday (Magdalen) and E. M. Moss (Trinity) (4 and 3); W. Law Smith and E. St. G. Hewetson (2 and 1) beat E. L. Dunnett (Queen's) and R. A. Smith (Merton).

SINGLES.—R. H. Oppenheimer halved with J. P. Marston, A. D. Cave (3 and 2) beat J. R. Keen, A. S. Bradshaw (1 up) beat C. Sweeny, R. H. de Montmorency (3 and 2) beat J. W. L. Adasm, V. C. Longstaffe lost to H. Scheftel (4 and 2), C. K. Cotton (6 and 4) beat A. B. Miller, E. N. Mobbs lost to E. G. Langford (5 and 3), J. D. Read lost to S. Scheftel (1 up), B. L. Rose halved with E. L. Dunnett, A. H. Gold lost to G. A. Loveday (6 and 4), W. Law Smith lost to E. M. Moss (5 and 3), E. St. G. Hewetson (1 up) beat R. A. Smith.

OXFORD BLUES AWARDED.

After their match against Stoke Poges, J. P. Marston, captain of the Oxford University team, invited J. R. Keen (Wadham) and C. Sweeny (Wadham) to play for Oxford in the Inter-'Varsity golf match which will take place over the course of the Royal St. George's club, at Sandwich, next March. Keen and Sweeny both assisted the Dark Blues against Cambridge at Hoylake last year.

M.P. HOLES IN ONE.

While playing with Mr. Dudley Aukland, over the Woodcote Park club's course at Coulsdon, on Saturday, Mr. Adam Maitland, M.P. for Faversham, holed his tee shot at the eighth hole, which measures 130 yards.

ROYAL NAVY BEAT HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE.

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Golfing Society defeated the Household Brigade by 10½ points to 1½ in a match over the Berkshire club's course near Ascot. The Household Brigade did not win a match, their points being secured as the result of three halved matches in the Singles series. In the leading match, the Rev. E. S. Ulyat, the Navy ex-champion, defeated Capt. C. E. Maturin-Baird by 2 and 1.

ROYAL MID-SURREY BEAT ST. GEORGE'S HILL.

A marked superiority in the foursomes enabled Royal Mid-Surrey, over their own course, to defeat St George's Hill by a margin of six points. The home team won five of the six foursomes and halved the other, whereas St. George's Hill, in the singles, won four games and halved three others while losing five. Each of the visiting team's successes in the singles, however, was gained by the narrowest of margins—one hole—and by that result W. L. Hope, the British Internationalist, won the leading single for St. George's Hill against C. F. Woodbridge. Hope and R. V. K. Finlay led St. George's Hill in the foursomes, and they halved with Woodbridge and H. E. Taylor.

VARSITY ROWING.

OXFORD COXWAINLESS FOURS.

BOAT RACE DATE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Practice for the Trial Eights at Oxford has been held up for more than a week on account of the Coxwainless Fours, but the president (D. E. Tinne, of University College) intends to make up for the lost time and to resume tomorrow, when three crews will go out. This will allow just a month for practice, as the race takes place at Henley on Saturday, November 29. A big entry for the Fours is not an unqualified blessing, as it leaves very few oarsmen at the disposal of the president.

As to the date of the Boat Race, it is stated semi-officially that it may be Saturday, March 21, but this seems scarcely probable in view of the date when the term ends at Cambridge. At any rate, there will be no definite decision until early this week, when the Dark and Light Blue presidents are to hold a consultation.

The final heat of the Coxwainless Fours yesterday did not excite much interest, as on time test the race appeared a certainty for University. The conditions were ideal, and University, who won without being extended, might well have beaten their record of the previous afternoon had they been pressed. They at once began to draw ahead and held a considerable advantage at Haystack Corner, where the Magdalen stroke jumped his slide. This allowed University to go further ahead, and they came out of the Gut fully two lengths to the good. Rowing in excellent style all along the Willows they eventually won without having unduly to exert themselves by 15 seconds in 7 minutes 7 2-5 seconds. This was the first victory of University for 26 years. The crews were:—

UNIVERSITY.—C. F. Martineau (Harrow), A. M. Emmet (Sherborne), R. H. Dutton (Adelaide), D. E. Tinne (Eton) (stroke).

MAGDALEN.—P. M. Bristow (Radley), J. F. Whitley (Winchester). A. Smithers (University of Tasmania), J. M. Wetherby (Winchester) (stroke).

CAMBRIDGE LIGHT FOURS.

THIRD TRINITY'S NINTH SUCCESSIVE WIN.

For the ninth year in succession Third Trinity won the final of the Light Fours at Cambridge yesterday when they beat Lady Margaret B C in the easiest possible fashion by 12 sec. The winners rowed from second station, and, after getting right up to their opponents at Grassy Corner, were content to paddle over the remainder of the course, a length or so behind. Details:—

Second Station.—Third Trinity B.C.—M. Fletcher (Eton) (bow), H. R. N. Rickett (Eton), W. A. Prideaux (Eton), T. A. Brocklebank (Eton) (str.) 1.

First Station.—Lady Margaret B.C.—D. Haig-Thomas (Eton) (bow), F. M. Symonds (Bedford), R. H. H. Simmonds (Bedford), F. J. Connell (Merchiston) (str.). Won easily. Time, 10 min. 39 sec.

BILLIARDS.

LINDRUM'S QUIET SESSION.

Having averaged 211 to 81 during the first five days of the week's play, Lindrum, who conceded a start of 7,000, was leading Davis by 1,559 when play in their heat of the International Billiards Tournament was continued at Thurston's. The English champion made the first advance with 82. After each had failed, Lindrum played one of his quick-scoring innings, the break reaching 332 before a thin cushion cannon beat him. Following a small item by each player, Davis made headway with a well-varied break of 486, his highest so far in the match. Davis next made 70, and Lindrum, after making 62, scored 640, which included runs of 129 and 64 close cannons. At the interval Lindrum had increased his lead to 1,810, the totals being:—Lindrum 14,288, Davis (in play) 12,937. The leader averaged 130 and his rival 88.

In the evening Lindrum suffered a minor reverse, Davis scoring 1,154 to Lindrum's 598. The best breaks were 236, 47, 109, and 65 by Lindrum, and 161, 267, 173, 240, 216, and 60 unfinished. Lindrum missed several good chances, although late in the session he was robbed of a good opportunity by the loss of the object white. At the half-way stage the scores were:—

LINDRUM (scr.)	15,480
DAVIS (rec. 7,000)	14,326

NEWMAN'S WINNING LEAD.

Despite a good display on Friday afternoon McConachy was again outpointed by Newman in the evening session of the International Billiards Tournament at the Mechanics' Institute, Bradford, and yesterday, at the resumption, Newman held the winning advantage of 3,734 points. The New Zealand champion continued his overnight unfinished effort of 159, but only increased the break to 184. A bout of safety play followed McConochy being the first to make a move. He soon passed the century mark by good billiards and scored 316 before giving way. He followed with 178, and after another bout of safety play McConachy contributed a break of 216, which included a run of thirty-four close cannons. Newman brought the session to a close by compiling 296 unfinished, in which were sixty-six close cannons. McConachy aggregated 854, and Newman 436—the interval scores being:—

NEWMAN (rec. 7,000) in play	16,578
McCONACHY (rec. 7,000)	13,262

Newman won the afternoon game of snooker at 125—5 and equalled the world's snooker record with a break of 100.

In the evening the New Zealand player scored 775 for an average of 55, while Newman aggregated 640, and had an average of 43. The best runs were 308 (full), 395, and 153 by the Englishman, and 124, 155 and 323 (unfinished) by McConachy. Closing scores:—

NEWMAN (rec. 7,000)	17,218
McCONACHY (rec. 7,000)	14,037

B.P.A. CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL.

RESULT.

N. BUTLER (holder)	2,500
T. A. DENNIS	2,267

GOLF CLUB COMPETITIONS.

BECKENHAM.—Offley Cramp Cup.—The following tied at 2 down:—P. C. Tucker, L. Perkins, H. T. S. Young, J. M. Napier, F. R. Warren, R. Kenward, A. W. Mathys, and A. H. Mastin.

BRAMLEY.—M.M.—Sen.: Capt. P. M. Rees (9), 76. Jun.: A. J. Puttock (18), 79.

BROMLEY AND BICKLEY.—M.M.—Sen.: L. V. Stone, 81—9=72 and L. C. Armstrong, 82—10=72. Jun.: C. I. Bonnar, 82—13=69.

COOMBE HILL.—W.C.—Medal: Rex Hartley, 74+2=76.

COULSDON COURT.—M.M.—Sen.: S. H. Argles, 88—14=74. Jun.: J. Hargreaves, 95—21=74.

CREWS HILL.—M.M.—Senior: L. C. Stanislas, 85—12=73. Junior: S. V. Cragg, 89—14=75.

CROHAM HURST.—M.B.—Sen.: A. Goodsir (3) and R. Straker (5) tied at all square. Jun.: Dr. E. L. Martin (14), 5 up.

CULVERDEN (TUNBRIDGE WELLS).—M.M.—Senior: C. R. G. Mitchell, 74—9=65. Junior: W. G. Agnew, 80—13=67, and W. R. Stewart, 81—14=67, tied.

DENHAM.—M.M.—Sen.: E. F. Briggs, 83—5=78. Jun.: G. R. Connop, 88—14=74.

DULWICH AND SYDENHAM HILL.—M.B.—Sen.: L. W. Brown (4), 1 up. Jun.: C. L. Barbour (14) and W. Meaby (17) tied at 5 down.

FERNDOWN.—M.M.—1st Div.: N. T. Elliott, 84—9=75. 2nd Div.: C. G. Fynn, 100—24=76.

FLACKWELL HEATH.—M.M.—Senior: R. Dennison, 75—2=73. Junior: C. H. Hunt, 95—18=77.

GRIMS DYKE.—M M.—Senior: W. J. Roffey, 86—11=75. Junior: E. J. Coe, 88—14=74.

HINDHEAD.—M.B.: A. S. Anderson (scr.), 3 up; H. H. Clarke (6), 2 up; R. N. M. Murray (4), all square.

ILFORD.—M.B.—Senior: R. H. Munro (scr.), all square. Junior: A. C. Arnold (16), 1 down.

KNOLE PARK.—M.M.: T. A. Grose, 81—7=74; H. T. Cross, 91—16=75.

LITTLEHAMPTON.—M.M.: N. G. Hunt, 83—11=72; Capt. H. J. Walch, 83—9=74.

LONDON SCOTTISH (WIMBLEDON).—M.M.—Sen.: G. Ratcliff Smith, 77—8=69. Jun.: B. F. Sheldrake, 86—14=72.

MAIDENHEAD.—C.C.: W. H. Lillington, 79—7=72.

MALDEN.—M.B.—Sen.: F. W. Stiles (12), 2 down. Jun.: F. E. Price (16), 1 down.

MANNINGS HEATH.—M.M.—F. C. King, 85—5=80.

MUSWELL HILL.—M.M.—1st Class: G. F. Rigden, 83—10=73.

NORTH SURREY.—M.M.—Sen.: R. M. Walst 76—1=75. Jun.: R. S. Doran, 84—16=68.

POLLARDS HILL.—M.M.—Sen.: D. W. Harris, 87—14=73. Jun.: L. M. Freeman, 92—18=74.

PURLEY DOWNS.—Selsdon C.—E. Featherstone (scratch), 2 up.

REDHILL AND REIGATE.—M.M.—Sen.: R. Thairlwall, 79—9=70. Jun.: C. G. Silcock, 92—16=76.

RICHMOND.—M.B.—Sen.: K. G. Poyser (10), all square. Jun.: Dr. D. Dunlop (18), 1 up.

THAMES DITTON AND ESHER.—M.B.—Senior: I. G. Elias, N. C. A. Jacks, and A. R. New tied at all square. Junior: A. C. Soole, all square. Medal play off.—Senior: N. C. A. Jacks. Junior: E. C. Jacks.

VERULAM.—M.B.—Sen.: J. Martin (9), 2 down. Jun.: A. P. J. Ball (16) and C. Dunham (16) tied at 4 down.

WANSTEAD.—M.M.—Sen.: V. C. Cook, 86—11=75. Jun.: Dr. O'Toole, 89—14=75.

WEST HILL.—M.M.: J. G. S. Baker, 76—2=74.

WEST HOVE.—M.M.: J. C. Clark, 85—16=69.

WEST MIDDLESEX.—M.B.—Senior: F. H. Rowse (scratch) and W. Anderson (8) tied at 1 down. Junior: W P. Pritchard Jones (16), 5 down.

WIMBLEDON PARK.—M.M.: G. Lomax, 73—4=69; Dr. Kerley, 78—9=69. Junior: R. J. Helm, 82—14=68.

WOODFORD.—M.M.: W J Sharples, 85—10=75.

WORTHING.—M.M.—Division I.—C. W. Bald, 84—8=76. Div. II.: Rev. A. V. Housman, 92—18=74.

FENCING.

LIGHT BLUES' NARROW DEFEAT.

PROMISING VARSITY FOILISTS.

By LEON BERTRAND.

The three-weapon encounter yesterday between Cambridge University and the Inns of Court at the latter's headquarters was productive of much good fencing, and at the close of an interesting match the home team proved the winners by fifteen bouts to twelve. They lost the foil series by 5—4, won the épée bouts 6—3, and prevailed with the sabre by 5—4.

The best fencing of the afternoon was witnessed in the foil event. This was my first glimpse this season of the Cantab foilists, and they impressed me as likely, as the year advances, to develop into a very effective trio. D. V. Morse is an insinuating foilist, N. Abercrombie possesses a very solid stance, and his footwork is remarkably agile, while a newcomer, a left-hander, P. M. S. Gedge, displays much promise.

Two well-conceived efforts by B. A. Harwood and Dicker for the Inns of Court changed the course of the épée "duels." Down 2—1, Harwood placed the teams on level terms with a fine victory over R. J. P. Stewart as a result of a splendid counter-sixte parry and riposte on the upper surface of the sword-arm, while Dicker gave his side the lead with an equally meritorious stroke—a "doublé" at L. Nathan's sword-hand. From this point the leaders never looked back. True, Armstrong was a triue fortunate with his flèche against Morse, but Dicker settled matters, beating Stewart at close quarters. Armstrong widened the gap with a victory over Nathan, and Morse reduced the figures to 6—3 in the last bout with a win at Harwood's expense.

The sabre-play did not reach the standard of the previous events. Unfortunately, it rarely does in these matches, and I am inclined to think that the cutting weapon is the least studied of the trinity of weapons. On this occasion the play was unconstructive and lacking in continuity. H. W. G. Betteridge was the most successful sabreur, with a full quota of wins. Moreover, he displayed the greatest initiative and was extremely effective in direct attacks. The exchanges were even up to the sixth bout, when the scores were three-all. Then Betteridge defeated Stewart and Lieut. W. Rippon brought off a fine coup in beating G. F. Wright after being three down. This gave the event and the match to the home side. Details:—

FOIL.—Cambridge U.: Morse and Abercrombie, 2—1, Gedge, 1—2. Total, 5 wins. Inns of C.: Dicker and Armstrong, 2—1; Monkhouse, 0—3. 4 wins.

EPEE.—Inns of C.: Armstrong, Dicker, and Harwood, 2—1. 6 wins. Cambridge: Morse, 2—1; Stewart, 1—2; Nathan, 0—3. 3 wins.

SABRE.—Inns of C.: Betteridge, 3—0; Rippon and Monkhouse, 1—2. 5 wins. Cambridge: Stewart and H. R. Higgins, 2—1; G. F. Wright, 0—3. 4 wins.

LONDON OUTFOUGHT.

EASY WIN FOR ROYAL MARINES

By M. POLLOCK SMITH.

The London Fencing Club were well beaten by their guests, the Royal Marines, a three-weapon match going to the visitors by 16—10. Play opened with the épée, which was poor, and the L.F.C. deservedly won at 6—2. W. A. Evill showed the best form, his point going home with a deadly regularity, to win all his duels in record time. With the sabre the Marines came into their own, and overwhelmed the L.F.C. by 8—1. The home side owed their sole sabre victory to G. C. Hohler, who fenced his best to beat Q.M.S.I. Teeling 4—0 in a delightful encounter.

The best sabre fight was Sergeant Clarke v. Hohler. From 1-all Clarke went ahead with a feint, cut arm *en marchant*, and a decisive attack, finishing with a circular cut at chest.

When the foil opened the R.M. led by 10 wins to 7. G. V. Hett, a game, crisp foilist, with a cool defence, lightning attack *en marchant*, and a genius for "in" fighting, won two of the club's three victories, and lost to Clarke after a splendid assault. That left-handed veteran, T. E. Ryves, scored one for the home side when, in the best bout of the match, he beat Clarke 4—3 Details:—

EPEE.

LONDON F.C.—W. A. Evill, 3 wins, 0 defeats; Capt. R. A. Hay, 2—1; Rear-Admiral the Hon. W. S. Leveson-Gower, 1—1—1 cd. Total, 6 wins. ROYAL MARINES.—Col.-Sergt. Hawke and Cpl. Tallent, each 1—2; Q.M.S.I. Teeling, 0—2—1 cd. Total, 2 wins.

SABRE.

ROYAL MARINES.—Sgt. Clarke and Sgt. Jerred, each 3—0; Q.M.S.I. Teeling, 2—1. Total, 8 wins. LONDON F.C.—G. C. Hohler, 1—2; Rear-Admiral the Hon. W. S. Leveson-Gower and Capt. R. A. Hay, each 0—3. Total, 1 win.

FOIL.

ROYAL MARINES.—Col.-Sgt. Hunting, Sgt. Clarke, and Sgt. Jerred, each 2—1. Total, 6 wins. LONDON F.C.—G. V. Hett, 2—1; T. E. Ryves, 1—2; M. A. B. King-Hamilton, 0—3. Total, 3 wins.

BERTRANDS BEAT UNITED HOSPITALS.

The Salle Bertrand scored a smashing win at 22—5 over the United Hospitals, gaining both épée and sabre by 8—1, and the foil by 6—3.

FOIL.—Salle Bertrand.—Lieut. B. Cederin, G. L. Schlesinger and G Stark, each 2—1; Total, 6 wins. United Hospitals.—V. F. Barnett, C. M. Carlyle-Gall, and P. A. Gorer, each 1—2; Total, 3 wins.

EPEE.—Salle Bertrand.—C. L. de Beaumont and Lieut. B. Cederin each 3—0; G. C. Cormack, 2—1; Total, 8 wins. United Hospitals.—S. F. Smith, 1—2; C. G. Brée and P. A. Gorer, each 1—2; Total 1 win.

SABRE.—Salle Bertrand.—C. L. de Beaumont and A. H. Jeffreys, each 3—0; Lieut. B. Cederin, 2—1; Total, 8 wins. United Hospitals.—C. M. Carlyle-Gall, 1—2; S. F. Smith and D. H. Irish, each 0—3; Total, 1 win

MASKS AT STOWE.

Stowe School entertained the Masks in a three-weapon match, and although winning with the épée by the odd victory in nine, were beaten by eight defeats to fourteen The School's success with the épée was largely due to good fencing on the part of G. A. L. Cheattle and H. D. H. Bartlett (the latter a Public Schools champion), who had only one defeat between them.

ATHLETICS.

OXFORD UNVERSITY BEAT THAMES.

Oxford University Hare and Hounds gained an easy victory in the first match of their season at Oxford, when they entertained Thames Hare and Hounds, the oldest paper-chasing club, over the Shotover course of 7½ miles at Oxford. The Dark Blues filled the first seven places and (counting five a-side) scored 15 points against the visitors' total of 40 points. N. B. Smellie led from C. J. Mabey and G. T. Honniball at two miles, but on reaching the plough Mabey and Honniball gave way to G. G. Davies, who ran well in the closing stages to finish level with Smellie in 43 min. 20 sec. The order of finish was:—

N. B. Smellie (Denstone and New College) and G. G. Davies (Birkenhead and Oriel), 43.20, equal, 1; C. J. Mabey (Taunton's, Southampton and St. Edmund Hall), 43.31, 3; H. G. Proctor (Nottingham H.S. and Keble), T. U. Feathers (Stowe and Brasenose); G. T. Honniball (Epsom and Brasenose), and W. H. Stebbing (Bradfield and Balliol), 44.20, equal, 4; A. E. Taylor (Thames), 44.40, 8; H. C. Harley (Thames), 45.10, 9; L. S. Powell (Magdalen College School and St. Catherine's), 45.24, *10; T. T. Green (King's School, Chester and Keble), 45.40, *11; R. E. Brown (Thames), 46.25, 12; G. W. Harris (Thames), 46.30, 13.

* Not counted in team placings.

Team points: Oxford University (1, 2, 3, 4, 5), total 15; Thames (6, 7, 8, 9, 10), total 40.

STOCK EXCHANGE WALK.

J. CLEGG LEADS THE FIELD TO RETAIN TROPHY.

The chief athletic event yesterday was the Stock Exchange A.C. twenty-five miles walk over a circular course, embracing Keston, Cudham, Westerham, Warlingham, and Addington. The start and finish was at the Blackheath Harriers' headquarters.

J. Clegg, last year's winner, was favourite, and he justified the confidence of his supporters by winning easily. Rain was falling when the start took place near Hayes Railway Station shortly before eleven o'clock, and fell incessantly throughout the race.

At Westerham Hill, about half way, the rain fell in torrents and drenched the competitors. Clegg took the lead at the start and continued in front to the end, walking in fine style, and beating his last year's time by two minutes. Eighteen started the first three to finish being

J. Clegg (holder), 4 hrs. 2 min. 30 2-5 sec. ... 1
H. A. Hake, 4 hrs. 4 min. 51 3-5 sec ... 2
L. Collyer, 4 hrs. 7 min. 51 [illegible] ... 3

TENNIS.

WELLINGTONIANS TO MEET WYKEHAMISTS

IN OLD BOYS' FINAL.

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Old Wykehamists (holders) and Old Wellingtonians reached the final of the Public Schools Old Boys' Tennis Tournament, which was continued at Queen's Club, West Kensington, yesterday.

In the contest between the Old Harrovians and the Old Wellingtonians, only one match was left to play. For the convenience of players two matches were played last week-end, Lowther Lees (O.W.) beating W. D. Macpherson and Col. E. H. Leaf (O.H.) beating Sq.-Ldr. A. Lees. Everything, therefore, turned on the meeting between the Rev. A. R. Buxton (O.H.) and P. N. Durlacher (O.W.).

Durlacher never played tennis to the extent that he did rackets, but he showed great promise for the amount he did play, and being a natural ball games player, he took it up where he had left it off. Had he not been a player experienced in all ball games he probably would have lost to Buxton yesterday, instead of, as he actually did, winning by two sets to one (8—6, 1—8, 8—5).

Durlacher won the first three games of the first set, which was to prove an invaluable lead. Buxton won the next two games, but Durlacher led 5—2 and 6—3. Buxton pulled up to 5—6 and 6—7, but Durlacher laid down two good chases at the beginning of the fourteenth game, crossed over and defended both of them successfully. A high side-wall service, which was almost unplayable except on the volley, made him 40-love, and he finally won the game to 30, and 20 the set.

In the second set Buxton, after the games had been one all, won seven games in succession, the luck, at this period of the match, running his way. Buxton led 3—1 in the final set, but after that Durlacher played a more severe and more certain game than he had done at any time in the match and, the luck switching round in his favour, he took the next six games in succession.

Buxton made a plucky effort and won two more games, but then Durlacher took the match. Old Wykehamists beat Old Marlburians by three matches to nil. Lord Aberdare (Old Wykehamists) beat E. A. C. Druce (Old Marlburians) by two sets to love (8—3, 8—2). Druce won the first two games of the first set, but after that it may be said quite frankly that Lord Aberdare set the pace a little too fast for him. Lord Aberdare hardly made a mistake during the next six games, his service, his return, and his length being alike admirable. Druce continued to play good tennis, as he always does, but there was just that difference in the pace which distinguishes championship class from first class. In the second set it was the same story, and one can only add that Druce played well enough to ensure a very fine exhibition of tennis altogether.

W. Ross Skinner (Old Wykehamists) beat Capt. G. H. MacCaw (Old Marlburians) by two sets to love (8—3, 8—5). It is quite usual in these competitions to say that the loser played well, but in this case one can say quite positively that MacCaw played one class better tennis than he has ever done in a match before. Ross Skinner is, of course, definitely a class player. He won a set from Baerlein in the championship last year, which is a performance with a capital P.

Ross Skinner led 3—0 and 4—1 in the first set, but Ma Caw played extremely good tennis to win the next two games decisively. Ross Skinner took the next two games rather quickly, but he only won the tenth and eleventh, in which both played some excellent tennis, after a hard struggle MacCaw won the first two games of the second set, the second game being a remarkable one in which deuce was called six times. Ross Skinner won four games in succession, to lead 4—2, and later was 7—3. MacCaw, however, was by no means done with, and he won the two following games, playing very well indeed. The thirteenth game was a good one, and went to deuce, but Ross Skinner won it in the end, and with it the match.

N. F. H. Freudenthal (Old Wykehamists) walked over A. Taylor (Old Marlburians) scratched.

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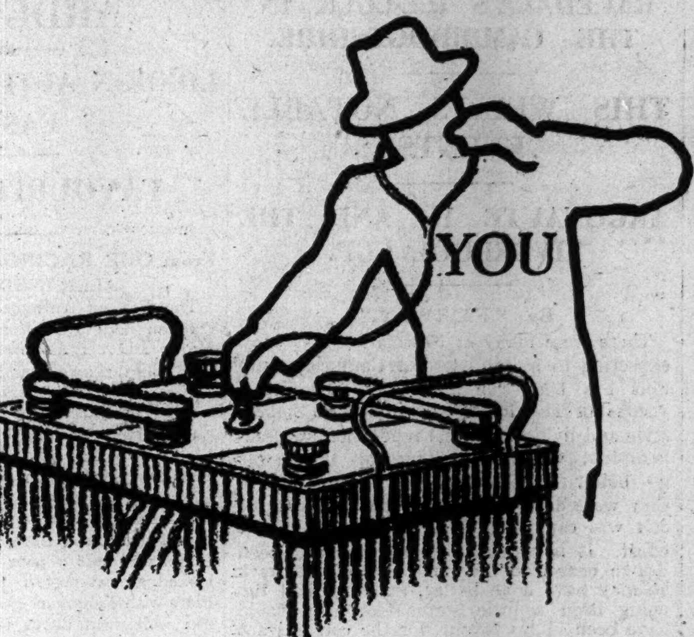

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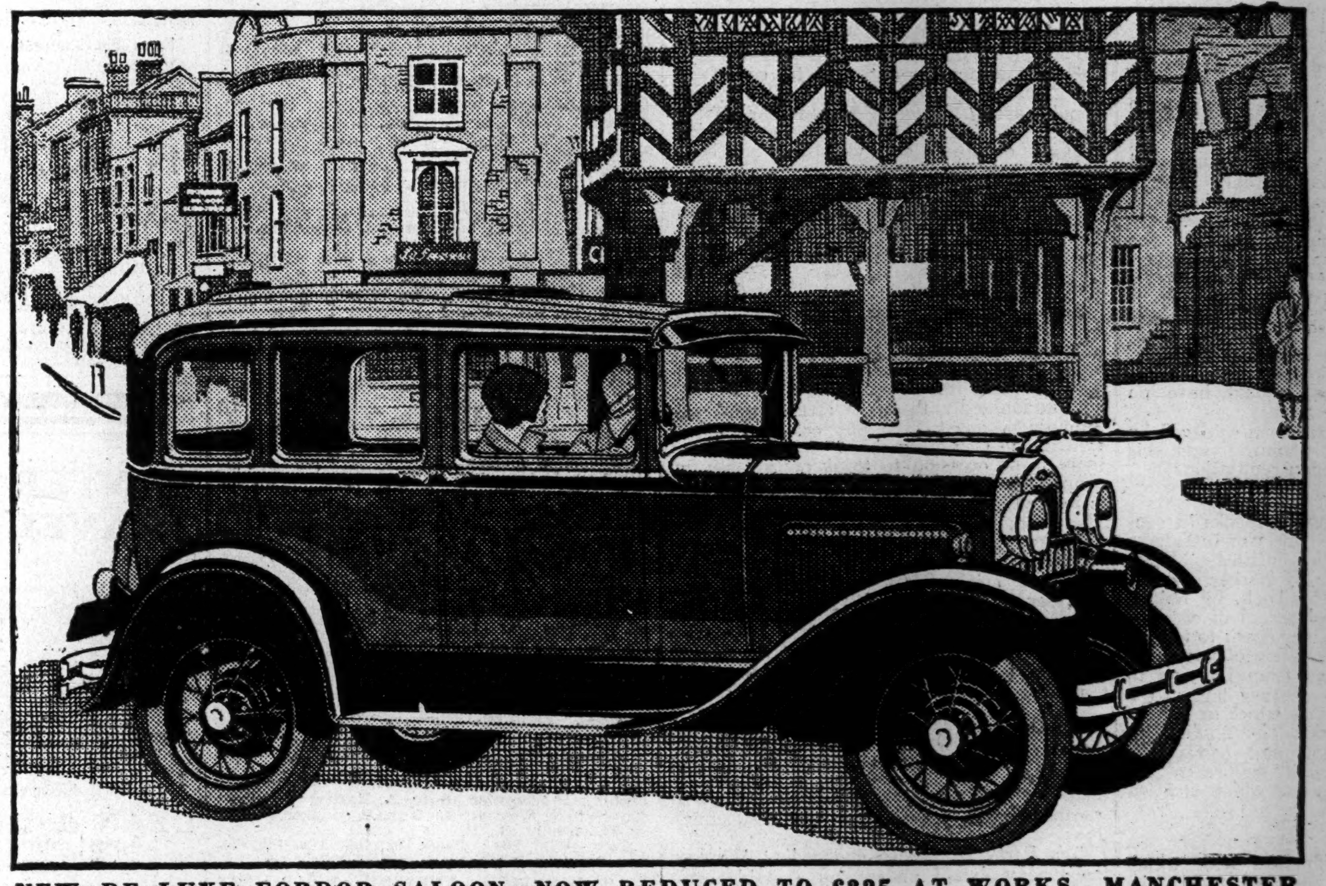

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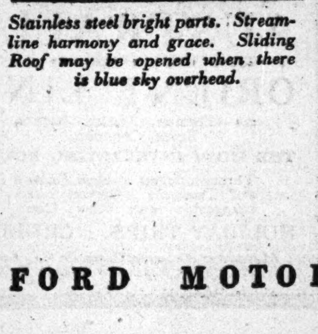

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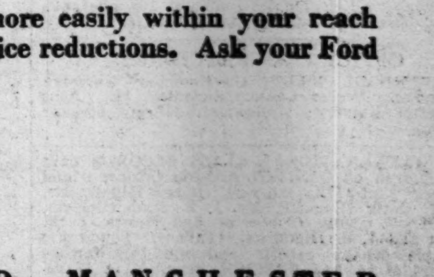

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MOTOR MATTERS.

ENGINE DEVELOPMENT.

HIGH SPEED ON FUEL OIL.

By GEORGE C. STEAD.

An engine was shown last week which will probably have a great influence on motor construction. It is a heavy oil engine running on fuel of the cheapest description, a type with which experiments have been made before, but with this particular type of engine practically all the gas engine peculiarities, as I may term them, have been eradicated, and the engine functions practically in the same way as the present petrol engine.

Its outstanding feature is that it is capable of high revolutions, a point on which the Diesel engine has hitherto failed. Its effective range is from 300 to 3,000 r.p.m., and it is controlled in the same way as the petrol engine.

The engine to which I refer is the new A.E.C. high-speed oil engine, which has been produced for use on commercial vehicles. Although not yet adapted for motor-car use, there is little reason to suppose that this will not be the next step. In any case the development is of great interest to all motorists. The engine runs on gas oil or Diesel oil, which may be obtained in the neighbourhood of 4d. a gallon. There is no separate ignition device, the high compression which is employed causing self-ignition of the fuel as it is injected into the cylinders.

HOW THE ENGINE WORKS.

Briefly, the engine works as follows. On the suction stroke, only air is drawn into the cylinders. This is compressed to over 500 lb. per square inch, and just before the finish of the compression stroke a minute quantity of liquid fuel is pumped into the cylinder. This is ignited by the high temperature of the air, and the firing stroke then proceeds in the ordinary way, with the exception that the expansion of the mixture is much more regular than with petrol. At the end of this stroke, exhaust proceeds as in the petrol engine.

Control of the engine is by varying the amount of fuel injected, and it will be seen that here is the most difficult of problems, as the quantity admitted is really minute and the slightest variation will have a very big effect, which is not the case with a petrol engine, where it is mixture which is being admitted. This problem the A.E.C. engineers seem to have solved successfully.

The starting problem has also been solved. The engine is rotated by the ordinary type of starter, and an auxiliary electric ignition system is switched on. This provides a point of incandescence at the spot where the oil is forced in and ensures quick combustion. As soon as the engine is running normally, this current is switched off.

Accurate figures for the cost of running have been obtained. Taking two engines of similar performance, that running on petrol costs 1.3d. per h.p. per hour, while that using oil fuel costs but .25d. The saving in cost is such that there should be a great future for this type of engine, now that its flexibility and ease of control are comparable with those of the petrol engine.

EIGHT-CYLINDER MOTORING.

An internal combustion engine is really a somewhat crude affair, in that out of four strokes of the piston only one results in useful work. In other words, there is only one "bang" per cylinder in every two revolutions of the crankshaft. In order to get smoother running the number of cylinders is increased, thus multiplying the number of explosions per revolution. The four was popular for a long time, but it has now been ousted by the six, which is the most popular type on the market for 1931. Those who require extra refinement find it in an eight-cylinder engine, owing to its smoother turning movement.

Many more would prefer to possess a car with this number of cylinders, but think they are debarred owing to the comparatively high price. This may be true in many cases, but it is certainly not so in the case of a British-built car which made its appearance two seasons ago. This is the Hillman straight-eight. With an open touring body it now sells at £335, which marks it as one of the lowest priced "eights" on the market. The latest example has many minor improvements and an improved road performance.

But it is not with this car that I am particularly concerned to-day. It is with the new model Hillman introduced before the Show, known as the Vortic. This also has a straight-eight engine of 19.7 h.p. and sells with a steel saloon body for £425. On a recent extended run I was much impressed by its performance. Its two chief charms are the eight-cylinder engine and the silent third gear-box. Running these close are other features, such as the servo brakes, the light and accurate steering, the springing, and the general convenience of driving. Its flexibility is specially noteworthy. It is rarely necessary to change, and while the acceleration on top gear is notably good, that on the silent third is almost startling. The change down is also very easy, so the most nervous of drivers should have no qualms.

The reasonable price has been achieved by very careful production planning, and this car will add to the Hillman reputation.

COACHBUILDING.

One of the most interesting books in connection with road transport which I have read for some time is entitled "From Chariot to Car," sent me by Barker and Co. (Coachbuilders), Ltd. This book, by Robert J. Priest, traces the development of carriage work from the earliest times down to to-day.

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FOILING THE FOG.

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VICTORIA DERBY RESULT.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

The Victoria Derby was run at the Flemington Racecourse here to-day, with the following result:—Balloon King (Owners, executors of the late J. Brown), 1; Veilmond (Mr. E. Moss), 2; Miss Arrow (Hon. H. Alan Currie), 3. 7 ran. Won by 1¼ lengths; 2¼ lengths. Betting 7 to 2 agst Balloon King, 6 to 4 on Veilmond, 14 to 1 Miss Arrow. The winner's time for the course of 1½ miles was 2 min. 33½ sec.—Reuter's Special Service.

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RACING NOTES.

RACEDALE'S ILL-LUCK IN THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THIS WEEK'S NOTABLE EVENTS.

ARGONAUTE II. AND THE LIVERPOOL CUP.

By "FAIRWAY."

There were many at Newmarket last week expecting to see the tamest Cambridgeshire that has been run for years. They had visions of The Recorder winning in hollow style and living up to his reputation at Beckhampton, which suggested that there was no better three-year-old in training. But they were disappointed, for the best that the colt was capable of was to make a gallant effort. It is possible that had the colt been drawn nearer to the stand side of the track he may have done better, and that had the going been a little softer this also would have been in his favour, for the colt has not the best of feet. Fred Darling's bad luck was, however, nothing compared with what came Captain Boyd-Rochfort's way when Racedale, after being almost knocked over, just failed to overhaul The Pen. Twice in succession has Racedale been desperately unlucky through no fault of his own, and as he is now put by until next season, it is left to Argonaute II. and Soloptic, two stable companions, to turn out at Liverpool this week and atone. Both had a fast mile spin yesterday morning, and if there is any justification for the report that Argonaute II. is as good as Racedale, then it is difficult to see how he can fail to win the Cup. The Irish filly, Soloptic, is engaged in the Grosvenor Cup the following day, and her chance seems bright according to her victory over Le Phare and other first-class sprinters about two weeks ago.

They are the most interesting races framed this week. Argonaute II. will be meeting Sargasso, a four-year-old that has pleased of late in his work, and whose running at Ayr can be ignored on account of the trouble Weston got into. Lord Derby's colt seems exceptionally well treated with 7 st. 4 lb. when it is recalled that he fairly and squarely gave a matter of 1 st. 3 lb. to the Beckhampton filly, Quinine, at Nottingham, and followed up the success by winning at York. I do not think there is any other with prospects as bright, and unless bad luck again hangs on the heels of Captain Boyd-Rochfort, I think his colt will score. Noble Star, said to be responsible for the trouble that came the way of Racedale last Wednesday, could not have improved his chance by the incident, and he may easily be a live factor. I fancy, however, a more galloping course would suit him better.

THE GROSVENOR CUP.

Curiously enough, the danger to Soloptic in the Grosvenor Cup is another fancied Stanley House runner. This is Eirene, a useful filly according to her success over The Masher and Lord Bill at Newbury. It is, of course, true that The Masher attempted to give Lord Derby's filly a matter of 2 st., which somewhat takes the gilt off Eirene's victory. All the same, I judge her to be particularly smart over a mile, and, although I am doubtful if she will upset Soloptic, we are certain of a good performance from her. The four days at Liverpool is the usual mixture of jumping and flat racing, all of which should be very entertaining. It is, of course, far too soon to expect to find many of the steeplechasers wound up, but, nevertheless, as a guide for the approaching winter season, their appearance is going to be very helpful.

The Jockey Club Cup, which was decided last Thursday, revealed Baytown as the likely winner of the Derby Cup. I understand he is to be allowed to take his chance. There were only three starters, and Friendship, who was among them, put up a sorry performance as a result of his previous efforts in the Cesarewitch and at Sandown Park. The Newbury winner Brumeux beat Baytown in what was a falsely run race. Had the pace been at least normal for the first six or seven furlongs, instead of a crawl, I have no doubt Baytown would have won. At Derby he will be meeting quite a number that, like Friendship, are likely to be played out as a result of the active time they have had of late, and with the knowledge that Sir Charles Hyde's grey is a particularly hardy sort of customer, there is sufficient encouragement, after his good form last Thursday, to think he will win this popular event. There is, of course, always a danger at this stage of something being brought out fresh and well that has been more or less idle.

Gooch may have in Stockcross a four-year-old that will take a lot of beating, for this Tetrameter colt has only had one race since the spring, and he seems nicely treated at the weights.

THE FRENCH FILLY.

Also among the entry is the French filly Tea Party II., who attracted considerable attention last week by winning without being pressed from Silver Flare. There were many runners from France during the week, and undoubtedly this filly created the best impression, apart from Slipper, who did so well in the Cambridgeshire. But apparently there is no occasion to think of this filly in connection with the Derby Cup, for the plan is to exploit her in the Manchester November Handicap, an event that attracts considerable attention, because it marks the end of the flat season. She has been given the light weight of 7 st., and if, as I understand, she represents the best of those that Mr. Macomber has engaged, and such as Oletta is among them, it is not difficult to foresee her being an extremely popular fancy on the day.

The race will be more interesting than usual this year because of a Hospital Sweepstake that is being run in Ireland in connection with the event. Incidentally, this is certain to be responsible for a particularly long list of starters, which suggests that to escape trouble the jockeys will need much luck.

Tea Party II. is also engaged at Windsor on Friday, but I understand a stable companion, Three Roses, also from France, will figure in this, and, it is expected, with success.

I append a few fancies:—

LIVERPOOL.—Wednesday.
Lancashire Handicap.—MEDARLIN.
Knowsley Nursery.—CHINESE MEASURE.
Liverpool St. Leger.—SALMON LEAP.

LIVERPOOL.—Thursday.
Croxteth Plate.—TAD.
Abbeystead Hurdle.—ESSEX BEACON.
Westmorland Plate.—SPUN-YARN.

LIVERPOOL.—Friday.
Rous Nursery.—PHILIPPOS.
Cup.—ARGONAUTE II.
Stewards' Plate.—GRAZZIA.

LIVERPOOL.—Saturday.
Grosvenor Cup.—SOLOPTIC.
Autumn Foal Stakes.—MINK.

WINDSOR.—Friday.
Combermere Handicap.—THREE ROSES.

WINDSOR.—Saturday.
Glamis Handicap.—FLANGE.
College Nursery.—CONCERTO.

Continued from next column.

3.30.—TOTO HURDLE RACE (£200) (3-Y-O) (1½m.).—**Swan Upping** (4 to 1 agst, Mr. Thackray), 1; Tongking (8 to 1, Lyall), 2; Jungle Song (9 to 4, Waudby), 3. 7 ran. (Winner trained by Whitelaw.) 5l, 4l.
Tote.—Win, 6s. 3d.; places, 4s. 9d., 25s. 3d.; win pool, 1,541; place pool, 1,220.

4.0.—PENDLE NOVICES' CHASE (£150) (2m.).—**Dunslauglin** (9 to 2 agst, Everett), 1; Delaville (9 to 2, Morgan), 2; Dunin (9 to 2, Stott), 3. 8 ran. (Winner trained by Law.) 5l, bad.
Tote.—Win, 16s. 6d.; places, 5s. 9d., 7s. 9d., 4s. 3d.; win pool, 1,683; place pool, 1,561.
Total Investments.—Win, £1,046 8s.; place, £868 2s.

TOTALISATOR DAILY DOUBLE.

Koscie's Star and Swan Upping.—Dividend, £6 15s. 6d. Pool, £241. 32 winning tickets.

Yesterday's Racing.

SURPRISE WIN BY ARDGLASS.

LONDON AUTUMN CUP WON EASILY.

FAVOURITES FAIL.

From OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.

ALEXANDRA PARK, Saturday.

The London Autumn Cup was the chief attraction here this afternoon, and was won by Major Dixon's Ardglass, Saugor being second four lengths away, and Bachelor's Date third. An early start was made, the first race commencing at 1.30.

Gala Morn, ridden by G. Richards, won the Finchley Selling Plate, after Frank Bare had led the field for the greater part of the race. Richards challenged when about one and a-half furlongs from home, and had no difficulty in passing Frank Bare, to win by three lengths. Pommadin was a poor third. Mr. S. Wootton looked almost certain to win the Juvenile (S.) Plate with Tullymore gelding. Tullymore gelding ran well until about two furlongs from home, where Flying Friar took the lead followed by Young Ben. R. Jones tried hard on Wootton's gelding, but could make no impression on Flying Friar, three lengths dividing them at the finish.

Ladies' Chain made the running from Rule Nisi colt, Step Lively, and Lis in the Woodland Nursery. Lis took second place at the distance, but failed to overhaul Mrs. Whitburn's filly. Leading throughout, the winner passed the post three lengths in front. Fox added to his list of wins by riding Mr. Williams' Welsh Dame to victory in the Highgate Mid-Weight Handicap.

The surprise of the day was the victory of Ardglass in the Autumn Cup. Larking, the favourite, was never really prominent during the race. The success of Major Dixon's colt put G. Richards one nearer to his rival, Fox, for the jockey championship. Richards took Ardglass to the front at the start, and three furlongs out was clear of Sawston, Saugor, and Bachelor's Date. Making all the running, Ardglass won easily. Details:—

1.30.—FINCHLEY (S.) PTE. (£200) (1m. 150yds).
Gala Morn (Mr. Cunliffe) b f Prince Galahad—Karilla, 4yrs, 8st-11 ...(G. Richards) 1
Frank Bare (Mr. Wootton), ch g Fauche le Vent—Marcello, 9yrs, 8st-11......(Munro) 2
Pommadin (Mr. Law), ch g Pommern—Celiba, 5yrs, 8st-11 ....(H. Wragg) 3
Also ran: Montaigne, Clasper, Paintbox, Rathnally, Open Space, Puella. (Winner trained by M. Hartigan.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—4 to 1 agst GALA MORN, Paintbox, 5 to 1 Rathnally, Frank Bare, 7 to 1 Puella, 8 to 1 Montaigne, 10 to 1 Open Space, 20 to 1 others. 3l., 2l.

2.0.—JUVENILE (S.) PLATE. (£200). (5f.).
Flying Friar (Mr. Wellesley). ch g by Friar Marcus—Seaplane, 8st-11 ......(H. Wragg) 1
Tullymore gelding (Mr. Wootton), by Ybro, 8st-11 ....(A. Wragg) 2
Young Ben (Capt. Hoit), b c by Junior—Ben Vane, 9st ....(Jones) 3
Also ran: La Fontaine, O.T.C., John Pritchard, Silver Sound, Haggle, Candover, Irish Orb filly, Ca-too-sa, Karelia filly, Kakine, Porlock, Royal Seal, Miss Putt. (Winner trained by Leach, jun.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—9 to 4 agst Tullymore gelding, 3 to 1 FLYING FRIAR, 6 to 1 Young Ben, Haggle, 10 to 1 Porlock, 100 to 8 Kakine, Ca-too-Sa, 20 to 1 Silver Sound, 33 to 1 others. 3l., 2l.

2.30.—WOODLAND NURSERY (£200) (5f.).
Ladies' Chain (Mrs. Whitburn), b f Grand Parade—Grecian Bend, 8st-7 .... (Beary) 1
Lis (Mr. Misa), ch f Lemonora—Deja Thorris 7st-12 ....(Fox) 2
Grape Fruit (Mr. Barling) b f Lemonora—Pointless, 7st-4 ....(Sirett) 3
Also ran: Rule Nisi colt, Minette, The Lynx, Young Master, Pescarina, Society Belle, Step Lively, Watercress. (Winner trained by Cottrill.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—9 to 4 agst Lis, 4 to 1 Rule Nisi colt, 13 to 2 Step Lively, 8 to 1 Minette, 10 to 1 LADIES' CHAIN, Society Belle, 100 to 8 Young Master, 20 to 1 others. 3l., 2l.

3.0.—HIGHGATE H'CAP (£200) (5f.).
Welsh Dame (Mr. Williams), b m by Sir Berkeley—Welsh Horse, 6yrs, 8st-4......(Fox) 1
Queen's Orb (Mrs. Wallace), b f by Orb—Scilly Queen, 3yrs, 8st-10 ....(Beary) 2
Maryland Point (Mr. Whiteman), b g Stratford—Marion West, 4yrs, 8st-1 (R. Smyth) 3
Also ran: Douglas, Canvasser, Pistache III., Alone, Vernella, Lights of Westminster, Stick Out, Tetrafoil. (Winner trained by Coldbeck.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—9 to 4 agst WELSH DAME, 7 to 2 Pistache III., 6 to 1 Vernella, 8 to 1 Tetrafoil. 10 to 1 Canvasser, 100 to 8 Douglas, Queen's Orb, 100 to 6 Maryland Point, 33 to 1 others. 3l, 1l.

3.30.—LONDON AUTUMN CUP (£500) (1¼m.).
Ardglass (Major Dixon), b c by Spion Kop—Whitenza, 4yrs, 8st-6 ....(G. Richards) 1
Saugor (Mr. Dennis), ch g by Count Ross—La Sauteuse, 5yrs, 6st-10 ......(A. Smirke) 2
Bachelor's Date (Lt.-Col. Carthew), ch c by Bachelor's Double—Datine, 4yrs, 8st-7 (A. Wragg) 3
Also ran: Larking, John Silver, Break o' Day, Yutrill, Culzean, Peace Pact, Musical Prince, War Mist, Sawston, Ring o' Roses, Lady Angela. (Winner trained by S. Darling.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—9 to 2 agst Larking, Bachelor's Date, 6 to 1 Break o' Day, 8 to 1 Saugor, 10 to 1 John Silver, Yutrill, 100 to 9 ARDGLASS, 100 to 8 Lady Angela, 100 to 7 Culzean, 20 to 1 others. 4l., 1l.

4.0.—BROOMF'LD W'TER PTE. (£150) (1m. 5f.).
Auction Pool (Mr. Brendon), b g Baal-Gad—Auctioneering, 5yrs, 9st-8 ...(H. Wragg) 1
Sea Hussar (Mr. Brown), ch g Bucks Hussar—Coral, 3yrs, 7st-11 ....(Lane) 2
Hilltoi (Mr. Froome), b g Achtoi—Radiana, 3 yrs. 7st-11 ....(Dines) 3
Also ran: Summer Princess, Compound Fracture, Irish Monarch, Step Forward. (Winner trained by Holland.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—5 to 4 agst AUCTION POOL, 5 to 1 Sea Hussar, Irish Monarch, 8 to 1 Hilltoi, 10 to 1 Compound Fracture, 20 to 1 others. 4l., 1l.

TOTALISATOR DAILY DOUBLE.

Ladies' Chain and Ardglass.—Dividend, £93. Pool, £1,550. 15 winning tickets.

THIRSK.

1.0.—NORBY APPRENTICE H'CAP PLATE (£110) (1m.).—**Carmine** (7 to 1 agst, Brierly), 1; Theolinpip (6 to 4, Whitby), 2; In the Clouds (100 to 8, Bazley), 3. 10 ran. (Winner trained by Threlfell.) 1½l., 2l.
Tote (2s. stake).—Win, 22s.; places, 4s. 9d., 3s., 13s. 9d.; win pool, 4,616; place pool, 3,859.

1.30.—HOLMES (S.) H'CAP PLATE (£150) (5f.).—**Midscope** (7 to 2 agst, Weston), 1; Clara Vere de Vere (25 to 1, Brierly), 2; Darnley (3 to 1, Perryman), 3. 16 ran. (Winner trained by H. Leader.) Head, same.
Tote.—Win, 7s 9d.; places 3s. 6d., 9s. 6d., 3s. 9d.; win pool, 8,150; place pool, 6,262.

2.0.—BOWER H'CAP PLATE (£200) (1½m.).—**Julienne** (100 to 6 agst, Richardson), 1; Tagra (7 to 1, Stephenson), 2; Roman Candle II. (100 to 6, Fawdon), 3. 14 ran. (Winner trained by Peacock). 1½l., ¾l.
Tote.—Win, 37s.; places, 12s. 9d., 5s. 9d., 22s. 3d.; win pool, 6,652; place pool, 5,452.

2.30.—KIRKGATE (S.) NURSERY H'CAP PTE (£110) (1m.).—**North British** (8 to 1 agst, Baines), 1; Deserter (8 to 1, Martin), 2; Heredity (8 to 1, Weston), 3. 9 ran. (Winner trained by Thomson.) 2l., 1l.
Tote.—Win, 26s.; places, 8s. 9d., 10s. 9d., 7s. 3d.; win pool, 5,562; place pool, 5,606.

3.0.—MIRRIAGE NURSERY H'CAP PTE (£150) (5f.).—**Minstrel** (6 to 4 agst, C. Richards), 1; Backward Glance (7 to 1, James), 2; Silvadare (25 to 1, Perryman), 3. 8 ran. (Winner trained by Wilmot.) 4l., 2l.
Tote.—Win, 6s.; places, 3s., 5s. 6d., 6s. 3d.; win pool, 7,985; place pool, 7,720.

3.30.—CASTLEGATE PTE. (£110) (1m. 7f.). **South Hill** (11 to 10 agst, Mr. Whitfield), 1; St. Leger (2 to 1, Mr. Cottrill), 2; Glenlossie (20 to 1, Mr. Boyd), 3. 8 ran. (Winner trained by Blagrave.) 5l, 2l.
Tote.—Win, 5s. 9d.; places, 2s. 6d., 3s., 6s. 9d.; win pool, 6,145; place pool, 5,606.
Total Investments.—Win, £1,046 8s.; place, £868 2s.

TOTALISATOR DAILY DOUBLE.

Julienne and Minstrel.—Dividend, £119 7s. 6d. Pool, £928 10s. 7 winning tickets.

MANCHESTER.

1.30.—INCE MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (£100) (2m.).—**Winter Royal** (3 to 1 agst, Mr. Usher), 1; Bluebeard (5 to 2, Mr. Elliott), 2; Lord of the Loch (6 to 1, Lyall), 3. 8 ran. (Winner trained by Wight.) 3l., 6l.
Tote (2s. stake).—Win, 10s. 3d.; places, 2s. 6d., 3s.; win pool, 1,090; place pool, 922.

2.0.—TEST H'CAP CHASE (£100) (3½m.).—**Youtell** (100 to 8 agst, Mr. Cazalet), 1; Delarue (6 to 1. Moloney), 2; Donegal (5 to 4 on, Stott), 3. 7 ran. (Winner trained by Hall.) 1½l., 8l.
Tote.—Win, 24s. 3d.; places, 16s., 5s. 9d.; win pool, 1,526; place pool, 913

2.30.—LEYLAND (S.) H'CAP H'DLE RACE (£100) (2m.).—**Koscie's Star** (2 to 1 agst, Mr. McKever), 1; Wilfred (8 to 1, Frecklington), 2; Dorm (8 to 1, Mason), 3. 10 ran. (Winner trained in Ireland.) ¾l., 4l.
Tote.—Win, 5s.; places, 3s., 10s. 9d., 5s. 6d.; win pool, 1,807; place pool 1,490.

3.0.—MINDEN ROSE H'CAP CHASE (£400) (2m.).—**Killia** (7 to 1 agst, Cullinan), 1; Lewendon (100 to 7, Morgan), 2; Prudent Town (8 to 1, Lynn), 3. 8 ran. (Winner trained by Harrison.) 1l., 6l.
Tote.—Win, 29s.; places. 7s. 6d., 13s. 9d., 5s. 9d.; win pool, 2,817; place pool 2,575.

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